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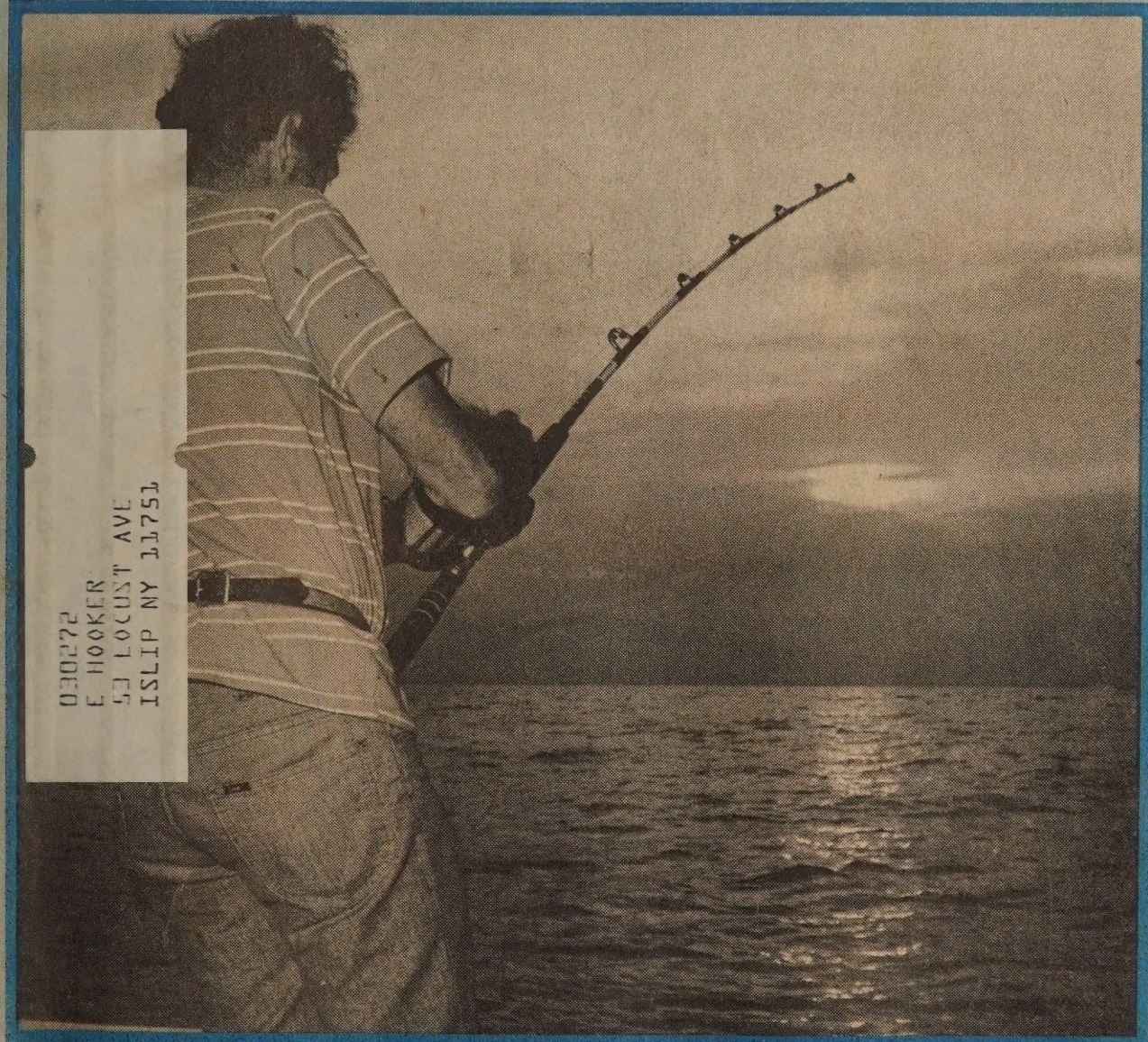

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Marty Hodes applies pressure to a deep boring school bluefin tuna he hooked from his Lisa Lee while chumming at the BA Buoy. Note the sun low on the horizon, and not a boat close by, a combination that makes successful tuna chumming.

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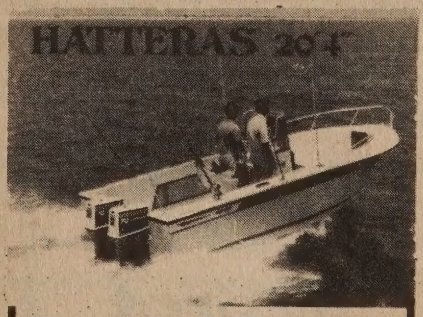

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Contests & Tournaments

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Ed Arnold of Orient by the Sea Marina called to announce his striper and bluefish tournament. Captains meeting will be October 15th at the marina at 6 P.M. The tourny is October 16th and 17th (rain date of the 18th) Prize for heaviest striper is $2000. Second heaviest striper gets $1000. Heaviest bluefish will receive $500 and second heaviest will receive $250. Largest bass of the day gets $250. Largest blue of the day will receive $175.

The total prize fund will be based on 100 boats entered, $7000 at $100—entry fee per boat. Limit 3 anglers per boat ($30 goes into free buffet and beer at Captain's meeting. Only boats 16' and over may enter. For more information and application call Ed at (516) 323-2424.

BOATING

FREE BOATING COURSE

Free Boating Course given by the Jones Beach Power Squadron will begin on September 13th, 1976. Classes will be held at Ziegie's Restaurant, 8 Alhambra Road, Massapequa. The 12 week comprehensive course is open to the general public and will commence at 8 P.M. Reservations for the free course can be made by calling either 221-4148 or 221-0797.

KLEIN PROCLAIMS BOATING WEEK IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

Suffolk County Executive John V. Klein proclaimed the week of September 19th as Marine Recreation Week in Suffolk to honor the boating industry's "significant contribution" to the economic advancement of the county, it was announced.

In signing the proclamation on August 27th, Klein said that the progress of boating and Suffolk County has been closely linked for more than 100 years. "It was the boating industry which helped develop the eastern end of Long Island into a major whaling center," Klein stated, "and again in more recent years it was the boating industry which played a significant role in the responsible development and promotion of Suffolk's idyllic beaches, lakes, bay and waterways into a summer tourist haven and one of the nation's most desirable marine playgrounds."

The designation of Marine Recreation Week beginning September 19th coincides with a floating boat show that will be held September 23rd through the 26th at the Anchorage Marine in Lindenhurst. The first such exhibit of its kind ever held on Long Island, the in-the-water boat show will display more than 300 pleasure boats ranging in size from the tiniest dinghy to over 60 feet.

Klein presented the proclamation to Mrs. Eadie Van Nostrand, a leading representative of the Long Island boating industry. He said he was honored that the industry had selected Suffolk as their site for its first floating boat show and hoped that it would be the first of many annual boating exhibits to be held in the country.

IN- WATER BOAT SHOW

Long Island's first In-Water Boat Show is going to be held from Sept. 23-26, 1976 at The Anchorage, in Lindenhurst. There will be in water exhibits and booth exhibits. The show is being put on by Edie Van Nostrand, that charming and talented gal who puts on the Long Island Boat Show at the Nassau County Coliseum each February. Attendance of 40,000-50,000 is expected and since exhibitors space is nearly all booked, the show ought to be a goodie.

BROOKLYN POWER SQUADRON

The Brooklyn Power Squadron will conduct registration for a free course in small boat handling on Thursday, September 9th at 7 P.M. at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, just a half block from the Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Both men and women, skippers and would-be skippers, are invited to attend the 12 week evening course. Ownership of a boat is not required.

Classes cover the techniques of safe handling inboard and outboard craft, anchoring, tying basic knots, chart reading, plotting courses, and use of a mariner's compass, and safety afloat. Aids to navigation, such as buoys and radio beacons, are explained in illustrated lectures. And the efficient use of power boats for maximum gas mileage will be described.

The classes will be conducted at St. Francis College on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M., starting on September 16th.

The Brooklyn Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, conducts the free classes to teach boaters and those interested in boating the skills they must possess for safety on the water. Additional information can be obtained by calling ST-8-9006.

FREE BOATING COURSE

The Islip Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the 12 lesson boating safety and seamanship course at the Islip Occupational Center (BOCES) located at 375 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, N.Y. Registration will be the 13th of September between 5:30 and 9:30 P.M. or the first night of the class. Classes will start September 28th, Tuesday, at 8 P.M. and run for 12 consecutive weeks. This course is offered free of tuition to both men and women over the age of 16 years.

Subjects covered in the lessons will include: Safe Boating Habits, Sailors language, Boat Handling, Legal Requirements, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation, Charts and Compass, Marine Engines, Marlinspike Seamanship, Sailboats, Weather and Radiotelephone Use.

Should further info be required, the Public Education Officer, Mr. Walter LeFurgy may be reached at 589-3027.

BOATING COURSE

Flotilla 13-8 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the following courses at Seaford High School and Bethpage High School.

12 lesson Boating Safety and Seamanship; 3 lesson Outboard Motor Maintenance; 3 lesson Inboard Motor Maintenance and 4 lesson N.Y. State Young Boatmans Course (Age 10-16.)

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The DuPont Company's Clear/Blue "Stren" fluorescent monofilament fishing line will be offered in 50 lb. and 80 lb. tests for the first time, starting with the fall of '76 tackle sales season, according to Dr. J. F. Cogdell, sales manager.

These strong lines, used primarily for salt water game fishing, have been available from DuPont previously in Golden Stren, and Orange Stren only. The new additions were made to offer ocean trollers a choice of any of the three fluorescent color systems which cause Stren to glow above water for easy visibility under all daylight conditions.

CLUB NEWS

OUTBOARD SKIPPERS CLUB

The Outboard Skippers Club of the So. Shore Power Squadron will hold its monthly meeting at the American Savings Bank, Modell's Shopping Center, Hempstead Turnpike and Newbridge Road in East Meadow on Monday, September 13th at 8 P.M. Mr. James Wolfson, a marine surveyor will present a talk on surveying a boat for purchase, sale or insurance purposes. All outboarders and inboard-outboarders are invited to attend.

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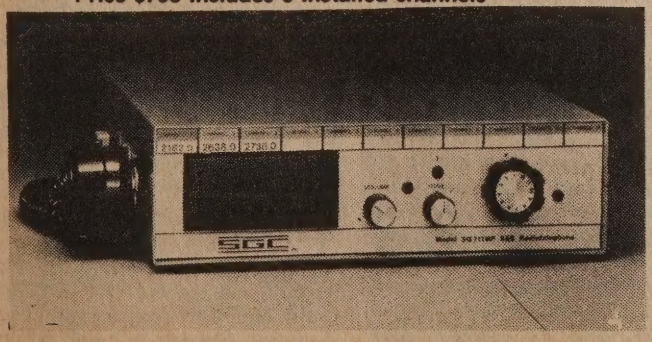

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ASK THE CAPTAIN

OPINIONS & ANSWERS

by Capt. Ronnie Lepper

Question: Pete Graffeo, Lynbrook
I'm looking for a set of rods that are good for trolling bunker spoons. Everything I read about bunker spoon fishing brings out the importance of soft action rods but no one tells you where to get them. Most of the places I've tried told me that I would have to have them custom made. Where do you suggest I go to get them?

There are a number of places that make custom bunker spoon trolling rods on the south shore. You have Lon Wanser in Seaford, Merrick Marine in Bellmore, Sea Isle in Freeport and Ralph's Tackle in Oceanside to name a few. I'm sure that you can find something you will be happy with at one of these tackle stores. If you feel that you would like to build your own rod, I suggest using a Lamiglas #0903 blank as I use this blank myself. Any of the stores I mentioned can supply you with the components for rod building or the finished product.

Question: Harry Nishman, Woodridge
I would like to try light tackle fishing for sharks using 20 lb. test line. What type of reel would you suggest within the average mans pocketbook? I have priced some custom reels that were out of this world as far as price was concerned.

I feel that the 9000 and 10,000 Ambassadeur series are two of the finest reels made today for the average fisherman. I personally have taken tuna to 175 pounds and sharks to 300 pounds using them along with 20 lb. test line. Many of my charters have taken large fish using these reels and have high praise for them. I fish them exclusively when using light tackle do to the smoothness of the drag system along with the fact that the drags do not fade when hot. These reels are by no means cheap nor are they astronomically priced. I feel that they will more than fill your needs monetarily and mechanically.

Question: Paul Hansen, Keyport, N.J.
All I hear about from the old surf fisherman is how good the old wooden atom plug was. I'm sold on the plug but cannot find anyone who handles it. I have tried all of the tackle stores within 25 miles of my home along with calling most of the chain stores in N.Y. if they are still available, where can I buy them?

The old wooden Atom was quite a plug but regretfully has been out of production for many years due to high production costs. The plastic imitation made by the same company is a fine fish catching plug but not nearly as good as the old wooden one. Not only did the wooden one catch better but it cast like a dream. Try the Danny top water swimmer. It comes as close to the old Atom as possible, as it is still made of wood. Some people feel that the Danny is as good or better.

Question: Manuel Domenech, Bronx
I understand that there is striper fishing in the Hudson River. Where should I fish and what should I use for bait? I do not have a car so I will be traveling by bus and train.

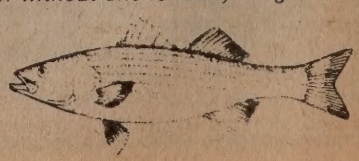
There used to be fair bass fishing in the Hudson. They were mostly small fish. I used to fish there when I was a kid and found the area between the 79th St. boat basin and Mt. St. Vincent pretty productive. Most of the fish I caught were throw back shorts or at most 3 to 4 pounders. Along with the bass there was always a good supply of eels to keep you busy, this is where I went to catch my bass eels. I saw a few fish in the teens taken further north, very few. Mt. St. Vincent also produced perch and tom cods in the winter. The crabbing in that area was excellent, three bushel days were not uncommon. Sand or bloodworms work equally as well and took all species of fish. I'm sure things have changed as my info has whiskers. Some of our readers may be able to supply me with up to date information, if so I will pass it on to you.

Question: Noel Bassi, Manhatten
I would like to try offshore fishing (shark, tuna, etc.) using my 23 foot Chris Craft Lancer. A lot of my friends tell me that I'm crazy to travel 20 to 30 miles offshore with such a small boat. How do you feel about small boats offshore?

There is no reason why a boat of your size cannot fish offshore safely, as long as you abide by certain rules. One thing in your favor is your speed as you can get in pretty quickly if bad weather shows its face. Rule 1 is to watch your weather, never gamble that it will improve. Pick only nice days with a good extended forecast. Rule 2 is to make sure your engine is in top operating condition and know a little about minor repairs. Rule 3 is have a VHF radio that works!!! and know how to use it. #4 is carry enough fuel to get you there and back safely with some to spare as inclement weather or fighting a big fish can drain your supply Rule 5 would be to have a good quality compass with the knowledge to use it accompanied by an up to date chart. A depth recorder is definitely a help not only for fishing but for navigation as well. An adequate anchor and chain with enough line to hold your boat on at least a 4 to 1 scope if possible. Rule 6, Fire extinguishers and compulsory safety equipment must be aboard including running lights if you expect to come in late or leave early. One of the most important rules I left for last and that is to always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Question: Nicholas Meagher, Manhatten
I plan to start shark fishing but cannot spend a lot of money on new equipment. I have two 6/0 outfits in good condition and two gimble belts. Is a flying gaff really necessary? I have two brand new 3'' regular gaffs.

In my opinion a flying gaff is definitely necessary if you plan to boat any big shark. Most anglers are not aware of the power of a large shark or any other fish unless they have had some experience with them. If a big shark decided to move out you would never hold him on a solid gaff. This season while moving a 220 lb. mako around the boat to my gin pole, I made the foolish mistake of taking the ½'' nylon line from the flying gaff off the cleat. This supposedly tired shark decided that she was not ready to be strung up and took off for a last shot at freedom. Like a fool, I tried to hold onto the 25 feet of ½'' nylon burning both hands in the process. I found it totally impossible to hold her. Thanks to an alert angler who held the rod tip up and backed off on the drag, we recaught the shark 40 minutes later with my 6'' gaff head and 25 feet of line still attached. This mistake on my part was due to over confidence and if my arm or leg were caught in that line someone else would have answered your question. One last piece of equipment I feel you should have is a back harness, fighting a big fish without one is really rough.



CONSERVATION COMMENTS *by Al Ristori*

More information has been received about appointments to the regional fishery management councils around the country. Considering the make-up of the various councils, it appears that sportfishing representation is actually at its best here in the Mid-Atlantic. In fact, the number of sportsmen on the council can now be increased to three as a result of a phone call from Ben Callaway, outdoor editor of the Philadelphia Daily News. Ben assured me that Elliot Goldman, the attorney from Lafayette Hill, Pa., is an angler. Elliot is the only representative chosen from Pennsylvania and received a two year term. He joins Bill Feinberg of Ocean New Jersey and myself as sportfishing representatives on the Mid-Atlantic Council.

All the other councils are commercially dominated and only a few sportsmen are readily identifiable. Those I can pick out include: Hal Lyman, publisher of "Saltwater Sportsman," in New England; Ben Hardesty, Columbia, S.C., Vice-President, Public Relations, Shakespeare Corp., in the South Atlantic; Capt. John Harms, developer of the blue marlin fishery in the Virgin Islands, to the Caribbean Council; Capt. Billy Putnam, charter skipper from Panama City, Fla., to the Gulf of Mexico Council; John Martinis, Everett, Washington, owner of a retail sporting goods store, on the Pacific Council; and Peter Fithian, Honolulu, tournament director and famed big game fisherman, to the Western Pacific Council. It may turn out that a few of those not specifically identified with specific organizations may be sportsmen, and a great deal of support is expected from the appointed state officials that also have a vote. Indeed, many of the commercial representatives may turn out to be conservation-oriented and the conflicts less serious than some people now expect.

We'll have a much better feeling about the composition of the councils after the "orientation" meetings in Washington during the week of September 13th to 17th. This will probably be the only time that all the councils will meet together. After that the individual councils will hold their meetings within the region. It's anticipated that the meetings will be held in various cities within the region in order that a wide variety of local opinions on the matters before the council can be solicited. However, the first order of business will be to agree on a site for the permanent staff to locate.

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Initial reaction to the column about signs of possible problems in the striped bass fishery was generally favorable. That column was actually written in late June and doesn't reflect the good fishing which occured in spurts during July at Montauk and around Staten Island. The large sand eels that I reported missing from the rips off the Point in June suddenly appeared after a July northeaster, and a spring run of stripers were right behind them. The vast majority of the catch was composed of the 1970 year class ten to fifteen pounders, with a good sprinkling of 20 pounders and an occasional 30. I understand that the Staten Island fish were almost exclusively in the 10-15 lb. class. This fishing certainly provided an encouraging sign as far as the 1970 year class is concerned and there is no reason to assume that we won't have a good fall season with medium and large fish.

Night fishing during the July full moon was almost as good as that we experienced in June, and I found the fish to be even bigger. Despite limited fishing time during that period, I got four that topped 40 pounds and I know that Capt. Frank Braddick was also doing a bang-up job on the big fish at night aboard his charter boat "Hurry-Up." Big bass were also coming in regularly at Plum Gut and reports from the Cape were excellent. Connecticut anglers did a job on jumbo stripers with live bunkers. Indeed, except for the Jersey coast and western Long Island, big stripers appeared to be fairly abundant. Yet, I was surprised to hear from Bob Blanks that the number of fifty and sixty pound bass entered the Garcia-Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest is only half of what was entered last year.

Of course, the real problem is not how many large stripers there are, but rather the lack of bass under ten pounds. I still haven't caught one that small this year and haven't even seen very many. Al Urban told me that he trolled a couple of bass that were almost shorts the other day, but those were his first small bass of the season. Art Glowka reports that the western Connecticut coast has been producing handsomely on big bass but that small stripers are very scarce in an area that normally teems with them. Frank Woolner had the same comment about bass fishing in Massachusetts. It's too early to say with certainty that we're in trouble, but the danger signs are evident and we'd best be prepared to make a move before the situation gets out of hand. As previously noted, your comments (pro or con) are appreciated.

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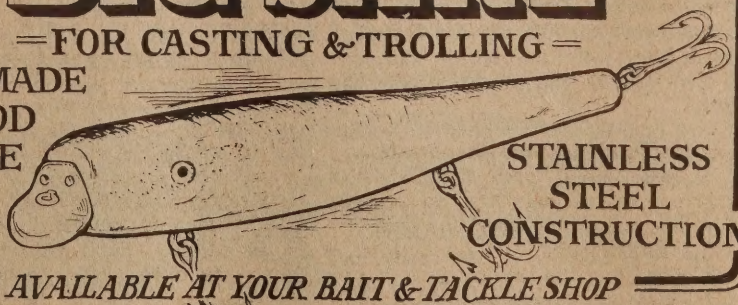

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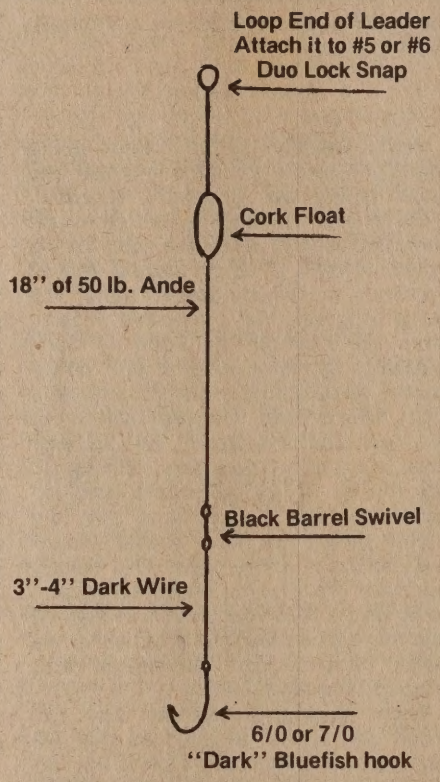
Those Bunker Dunkin Blues

The tide was fast entering the final stages of its ebb, as a full golden moon and a mild breeze helped to create a streaming froth of quick running water. Standing at the mouth of one of Long Island's many North Shore Inlets, I was casting swimmers to a marauding school of giant bluefish. Hordes of bunker leaped from the blood stained water, making vain attempts to escape the slashing teeth of natures very own feeding machines. Cast after cast went unrewarded, as those dentists delights ignored each one of my offerings. All I had to show for two hours of hard plugging, were five bunker who had somehow managed to get their gill plates caught on my fifteen pound Ande. For the sake of my own well being, and after voicing many unprintables, I decided to put the bunker to good use. Running back to "Roccus One", my buggy, I quickly placed a hook, sinker and bunker slab at the end of my over-worked line. On my first cast, the rod was almost jolted from my tired arms. I set the hook, and within minutes, 10½ pounds of blue fury snapped helplessly on the pebble cluttered beach. When my second and third casts were met with equal success, I knew that the answer to my fishless night was at hand. Soon, sixteen bluefish decorated my 100 qt. cooler. However, the success of the evening was not without expense, for those blue devils took their toll in tackle. If I told you how many rigs were lost to the razor sharp teeth of those choppers, you would probably cringe. Something had to be done and done fast, for these bluefish would cost me a fortune in tackle before departing for points unknown. The next day, while in my work shop, my thoughts were turned back a few years, to Sunken Meadow. I recalled watching an "old timer" who was dunkin bunker at that famous shoreline. The rig that he used soon came to mind and within minutes my own version was ready to hit the beach.

A 6/0 or 7/0 "dark" bluefish hook, equipped with 3-4 inches of "dark wire" and topped with a small black barrel swivel, was my answer. This is the same set up that is used by head-boat skippers in their chum slicks. It can easily be purchased in any tackle store. At the end of the swivel was placed 18 inches of 50 lb. Ande, which was used as the leader. (Regular Ande and not the Tournament grade). Onto this leader was placed a large cork float that is needed to keep the large bunker slap off the bottom. The completed rig should be attached to the end of a fish finder. Be sure to place a #5 or 6 duo-lock snap to the end of your line, after running it through the eye of your sinker. This serves a dual purpose. First if you wish to re-bait there is no need to carry your rod from the waters edge to where your bait is; back above the high tide mark. All you need to do is to unfasten the leader from the snap, and carry only the hook back. The other reason being the fact that a great many of the bluefish will be deeply hooked. It can be dangerous, especially during a blitz, when your adrenalin is pumping, to quickly unhook a fresh caught, deeply hooked chopper. Again, just unsnap the rig and replace with another one. Rebait and continue fishing. After the spark of life is gone from the recently caught bluefish, you can attempt to dislodge the deep seated hook. When you are knee deep in big bluefish, you will truly understand the full meaning of this tip.



The bunker should be filleted, then cut again in the direction of its width. Depending on the size of the bunker, you should get four nice pieces of bait from each one. Do now throw away the heades or tails, rather save them for the times when you begin to run out of bait.

When hooking the bunker, be sure to insert the hook through at least two places of fillet. This will not only prevent the loss of your bait during the cast, but will keep the bunker on your hook longer should the fish decide to get picky and snap at the bait rather than attack it.

When cutting the bunker, make sure that you use a sharp knife and have a piece of wood to act as a cutting board. Nothing dulls a razor sharp blade faster than to have it dig into a rocky or sandy turf. Before going any further, I would like to mention one final word concerning your hooks. As indicated earlier, you should not use any hook that does not have that little black barrel swivel attached to the wire. Regardless of the strength of your leader, the fierce pull of the bluefish will cause the thin wire to eventually cut through the knot that holds the leader to the hook. This always seems to happen at the worst possible time.

Although designed for fishing the north shore, this rig can be used with equal success almost anywhere on the Island. I found it especially productive last season, when the almost complete absence of bunker schools from Long Island Sound forced me to do my thing on the south side. Even at Montauk Point it was productive.

Last season, while spending a few days at Montauk trying to overcome the summer bass doldrums, Bill Meade and I decided to dunk bunker for big bluefish. Using this rig, I promptly took six big blues up to twelve pounds, while Bill using his standard bottom rig could not get a touch. Before long Bill who is a stubborn guy, finally said the magic words, "Let me have one of your rigs." He promptly caught three giant bluefish, before we lost the tide. If this rig can make a believer out of my good friend, then there is no telling just what it can accomplish.

Since this season's bunker dunkin time is almost upon us (usually best in late July and August), you should now be preparing a few of these rigs. It won't take much of your time and the results will be very rewarding.

Good luck and good fishing.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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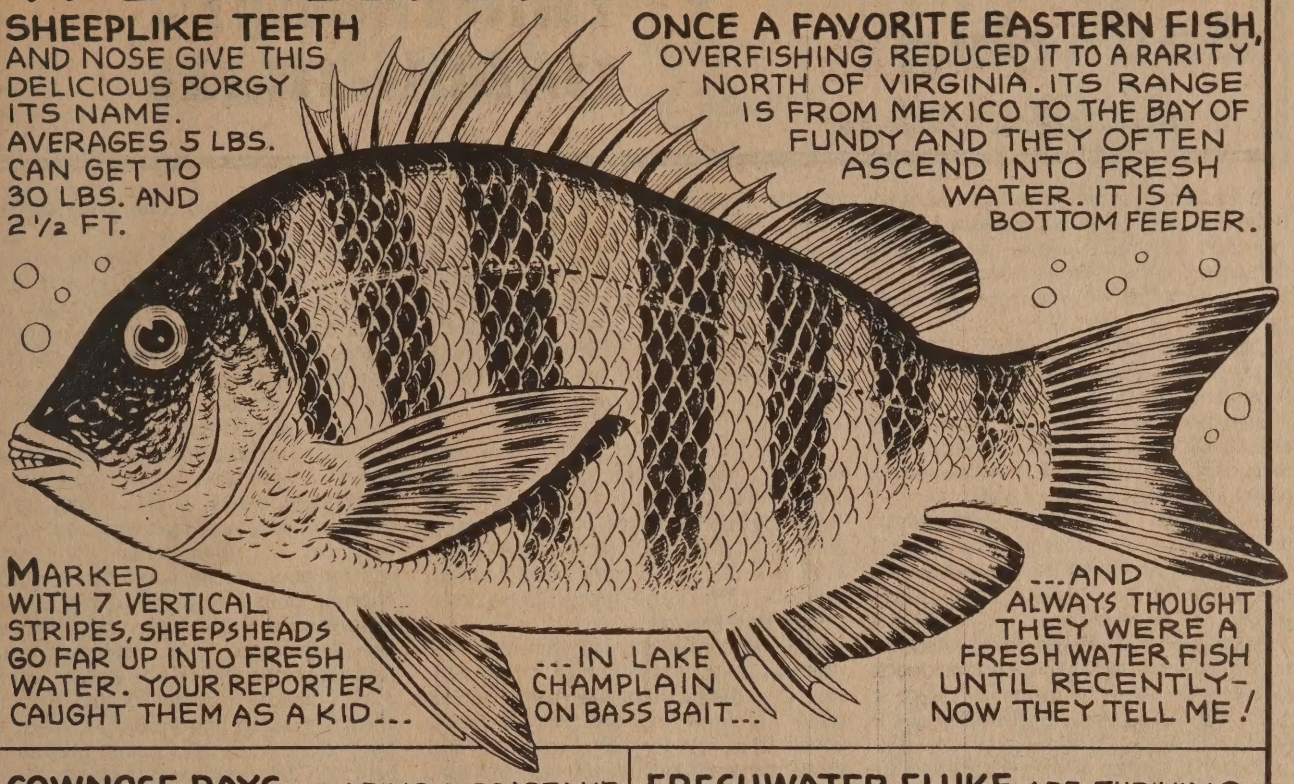

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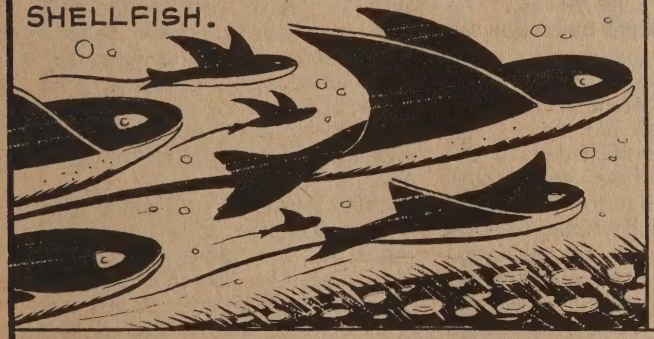

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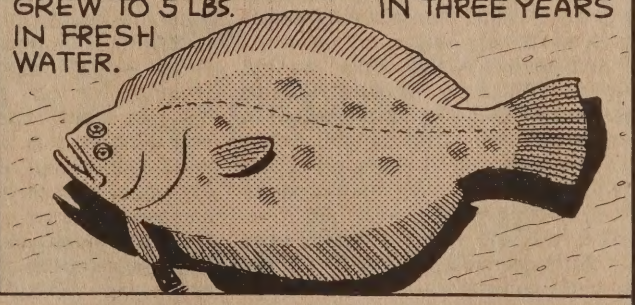

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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

Wreck Fishing For DOORMAT FLUKE

Artie Leidecker unhooked a two pound fluke and tossed it into the plastic barrel. He then glanced up and gave me a disgusted look. "We're catching fish, ain't we? What do you want to leave for?"

We were aboard Artie's "Echo", drifting for fluke off the Jones Beach tower and having a fair pick. I had just suggested leaving the two pound fish and try for some possible lunkers on the local offshore wrecks. But Artie wasn't too enthusiastic about the idea.

I persisted. "Look, we can always come back here. Besides, I just noticed that party boat fishing the Howard wreck has packed it in. It's not too far away, you know."

He argued a bit longer, then reeled in and shrugged his shoulders in mock surrender. "Okay, you win. Let's give it a try. But only because if we don't, I'll never hear the end of it."

It took but minutes to reach the wreck. In the meantime, I removed the leaders and the regular shanked 4/0 Sproats we'd been using and substituted four foot leaders, complete with 5/0 long shanked Carlisles. I then selected the smaller of the eight or nine fluke we had, filleted both sides and cut the four pieces into one-inch wide, five-inch long strips. Big fluke want big baits.

Artie maneuvered the "Echo" so that we would drift along the wreck's outer edges and we began to fish. I lost a rig immediately, and Artie caught a fair sized sea bass, but if there were any fluke in the vicinity, they were conspicuous by their absence.

"Now you see why that party boat left," Artie grumbled. "There's no fish here. Let's go back to—"

"Let's try the Stone Barge," I said, brightly. "That's not too far away, either."

"You're a pain in the tail."

"Yeah, I know. But let's try it anyway."

Once again we were on our way. But this time we connected to the tune of five fluke, the smallest about six pounds, and the largest close to eight.

"Maybe we ought to come back here first thing in the morning," Artie remarked at the conclusion of our final drift.

"Sure thing, we'll come back. Now, be honest. In your own cheerful way, ain't you glad you listened to me?"

Large fluke have a distinct fondness for offshore wrecks and Long Island and New Jersey sinker bouncers are lucky indeed to have so many of these fine fishing areas available. These wrecks play seasonal host to many varieties of fish, from cod in winter, to blackfish, ling, sea bass and porgies, in spring, summer and fall, and are often heavily fished by knowledgeable party boat skippers.

I find, though, that it isn't until late summer, particularly mid-September, when the chances of scoring on doormat fluke are best. And the peculiar thing is that small fluke are rarely taken from wrecks at this time of year. And it is also unusual to find large fluke in these areas before mid-August.

No doubt the natural late summer offshore migration has much to do with this; plus the fact that the year's highest water temperatures are now at hand, which these bigger fish appear to find ideal and much to their liking. But then, considering all this, I find myself asking the sixty four dollar question: Why don't smaller fish find these conditions equally appealing? I've pondered this question off and on for years and have never come up with a satisfactory answer.

I'm sure that eventually someone will solve this piscatorial mystery, but in the meantime, let's make hay while the sun shines and take advantage of this whim of nature.

If you paid close attention to the beginning of this article, you'll recall that I changed our rigging on the way to the Howard wreck, substituting what we had been using for a four foot leader and 5/0 Carlisle hook. Sproat hooks are fine for fluke, and I'm all for them, but not when wreck fishing for doormats. Give me long-shanked Carlisles every time. Why? Because large fluke are notorious for getting that baited hook down deep in the throat.

Besides, that cavernous mouth, coupled with iron-hard jaws and dozens of strong, needle sharp teeth, is no place for your fingers. Be sure you have a billy along and don't hesitate to use it on every fish. Then use a good hook disgorger, or long nosed pliers. Better safe than sorry.

I've been championing the use of four-foot leaders for doormat fluke for a good, long time. And everytime I do, someone is sure to ask why. I don't know why, to be honest with you. But I do know from my own observation that this extra length aids me in putting more fish on deck.

In my search for a possible answer, I've experimented by using this long leader on bay fluke, and my success left much to be desired. But when I use that same leader around wrecks and inlets in late summer, my catch has often been envied by nearby fishermen. No doubt, the extra length tends to add more action to the bait's presentation. This is the best I've been able to come up with.

It's best to use 40 pound test leader material. Should you get hung up, which is bound to happen occasionally when drifting near wrecks, you'll have a better chance to recover your rig. Some fishermen substitute the monofilament line from their reel, but this isn't recommended. Nylon line has a "memory"; it is sure to retain its curl, twisting about the main line in such a way that the bait is practically guaranteed to be held off the bottom. Needless to say, you'll catch few fluke should this happen. Be sure you use leader material for best results.

Sinker weight will vary, depending on depth of water and strength of tidal currents, which may change hour to hour, but usually a bank sinker from eight to ten ounces will do when drifting. If anchored near or over a wreck, a sinker of five or six ounces will get by with little difficulty. When anchored, be sure to impart plenty of action to the bait.

Using heavy terminal tackle such as this means that spinning equipment should be left at home. In fact, if you go in for party boat fishing on the offshore grounds, don't use the stuff at all. You'll hook few fish with it. Use a medium weight conventional rod and matching reel filled with at least 100 yards of 30 or 40 pound test mono—forty preferred—especially so if you have designs on doormat fluke.

Incidentally, should you be wreck fishing aboard a party boat for sea bass, porgies, blackfish, and what have you, it may well pay to devote an hour or two to fluke during some part of the day. Use a strip of porgy, sea bass or small live bergall. Many a pool has been won in this manner by enterprising sinker bouncers.

Because you'll be wreck fishing, don't forget to bring along extra terminal tackle. Aboard a party boat this is no problem, as you can always purchase

what is needed, but when fishing aboard private craft, make certain you have sufficient replacements. You may fish all day and not lose a rig, and then again you may lose a dozen. One never knows, therefore emulate the proverbial Boy Scout: be prepared. Don't spoil your day.

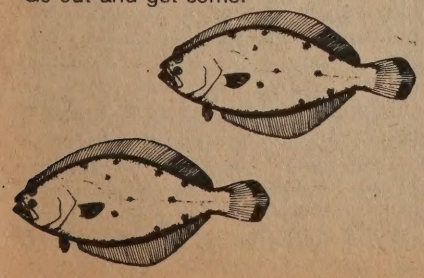
Make sure a net is used on every fluke. Never attempt to lift a fluke on board without it. Sometimes I think that over the years there have been just as many doormats lost at boatside as have been successfully decked. Large fluke are tricky and powerful, and they will certainly thrash about when capture is near. If you are party boat fishing, call for the net, and wait until it arrives. The fluke will try to dislodge the hook in a variety of ways, but if you remember not to use heavy handed methods, you'll get it on deck okay.

No small fish is safe from the jaws of a fluke. If it swims, the fluke will go for it, which makes the fisherman's bait selection simple enough. But there are some baits for which a definite preference is shown. One of these, and I think the best for doormats, is a strip cut from the smooth dogfish. This is the summertime doggie, which is conveniently lacking in those flesh-puncturing spines. Should you catch one of these pests, don't throw it back. Slice off the sides and cut into six inch strips about an inch wide. I know this will look a little on the large side, but, you may be sure, the fluke won't think so. Run the hook through once at the widest part and use plenty of action by jigging in one foot lifts of the rod.

Small, live bergalls, or extra-large killies, have brought many doormats to the net. Bergall strips, unscaled, large strips of squid, fluke belly, and sea robin tails, all produce fluke around wrecks. Always remember to hook once through the widest part and allow the fluke plenty of time to get it down. Don't worry about setting the hook. The fish will do that for you. The rest is up to you.

I have caught doormats from the following wrecks: The Stone Barge, Coal Wreck, C.O.D. Wreck, Steel Wreck, Joe Wreck, and the Iberia Wreck, all easily reached from Jones Inlet. These are just a few that harbor fluke in late summer. I doubt there is any offshore wreck that doesn't have its quota of these large fluke at this time of the year.

Go out and get some.



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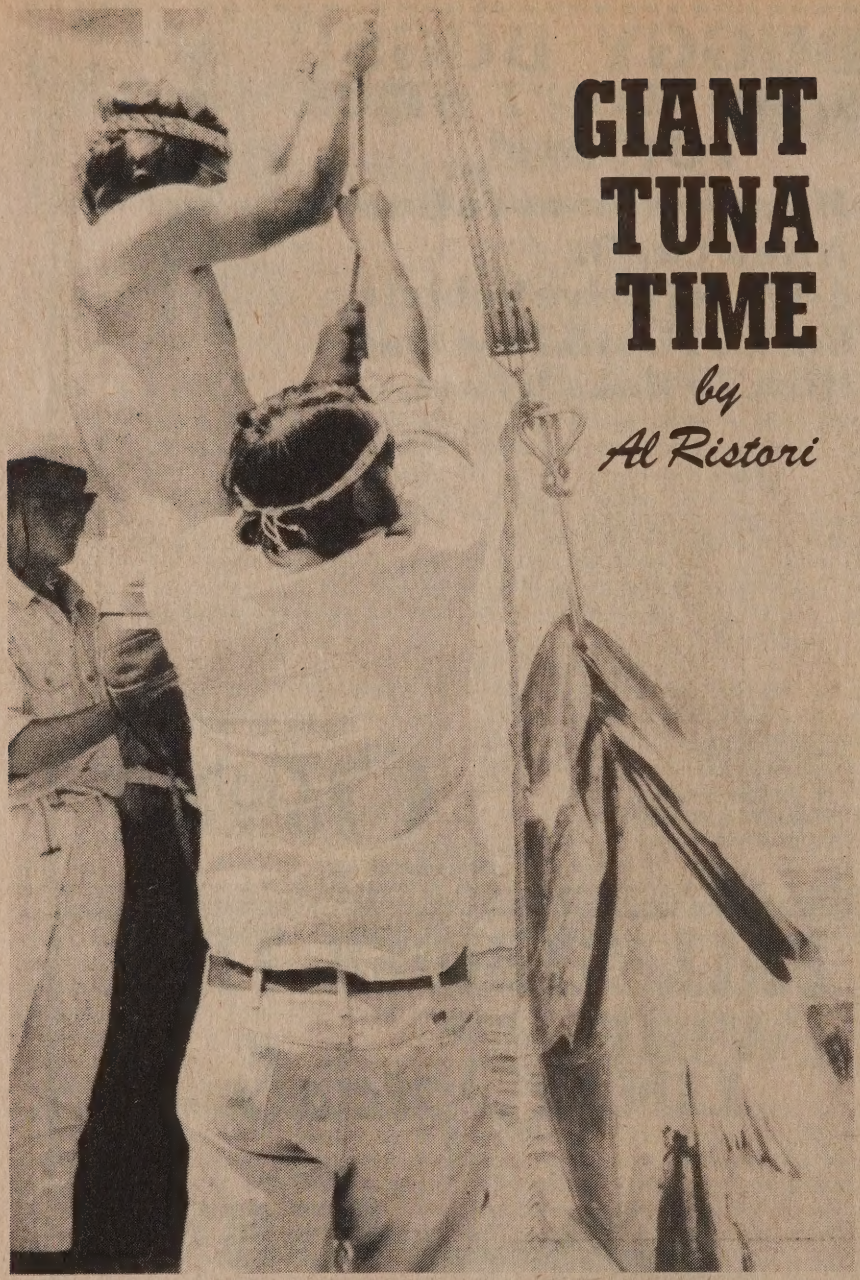


GIANT TUNA TIME

by

Al Ristori

Billy and Jay De Noia strain on the block and tackle to put giant tuna board their "White Stallion" at Gloucester.

One of the questions most frequently asked of outdoor writers is "what is the greatest gamefish?" I, for one, never hesitate to state my belief that the nod should go to the bluefin tuna. Indeed, I believe that his only close competition comes from close relatives—other tuna, albacore and bonitos. It's true that the bluefin isn't spectacular, but for sheer speed and power on the heaviest of tackle he can't be beat!

While it's necessary to travel extensively to find the best of many types of fishing, the finest giant tuna sport is available in the mid-Atlantic and New England areas and at reasonable costs. Bluefin tuna winter in the Caribbean or Gulf of Mexico and then head north in the spring. The fast moving schools are intercepted by sportfishermen off Bimini in the Bahamas each May, but this is a sport pretty much reserved to the wealthy as very fast boats and top notch crews are required for success. An exceptionally fine run was encountered there this spring. One famous angler, Jo Jo Del Guercio, released 104 giants during the period from May 5th to June 24th.

After leaving the Bahamas, few giants are ever taken on rod and reel until they arrive in Cape Cod Bay in late June or early July. Normally these early fish don't hit well and most are taken by harpooners. Trolling with daisy chains of mackerel works best for anglers until the fish settle down enough to be chummed. This year they responded to chum well by mid-month and some fantastic fishing occured on Stellwagen Bank, off Gloucester, Massachusetts. The greatest catch to come to my attention was made by Eddie Murray and his crew on Don Stott's "Cookie." They released 11 giants in one day and accounted for 40 in six days! As competition has increased, the fishing is no longer of that nature, but good catches were still being reported as this piece was prepared and the season should run into October.

Though the migration of giant tuna seems to move right by New Jersey and Long Island, a run almost invariably develops sometime during the summer. In recent years, there's been some action in July. Last year good fishing was available east of Block Island throughout much of the summer. It was no slaughter and most of the tuna were relatively small (300 to 400 pounds), but it did represent about the most consistent tuna fishing boats out of Montauk and Rhode Island have had in years.

I got out there one day with the late Arthur Klorfein and Steve Sloan on Arthurs' "Salty". We never left the dock until 11:00 and with a two hour run to the grounds weren't fishing until after 1:00. After clearing away a couple of blue sharks, large school tuna showed in the slick and Steve tried for a record on 12 pound. As he was doing that I worked a piece of herring back and forth by hand on the 80 lb. outfit. To my great surprise, a fish hit and after a short but spirited battle, I'd broken the ice on giant tuna for the year. It was a lot of action for a couple of hours and we still managed to get back in time for cocktails!

My first giant tuna was taken in 1969 during the spectacular run that occured among the Russian fishing fleet working south of Montauk Point. At that time giant tuna were following the Russian nets to the surface and feeding on ling, whiting and herring falling out of the holes. Sportfishermen would bide their time until one of the huge trawlers drew back their net and then presented the baits among the bottom fish that had popped out of the net but couldn't swim down due to bloated air bladders. The action was fast and furious as the tuna weren't very selective about baits. During the two days I fished with him, I gaffed four giants for Don Merten on his "Valiant Lady," skippered by Frankie Hammer. When Don suggested that I take one, I jumped at the chance and figured it would be no problem, as I'd been watching how he fought them.

However, after hanging onto one of those critters I began to wonder who was going to quit first!

The only thing that kept me going during that 40 minute fight was the sure knowledge that frail women and out-of-shape old men have boated many giant tuna and it would be a disgrace if I couldn't hack it. Since then I've caught 28 other giants and wired or gaffed many more. Some have been much bigger and tougher than the first fish, but none of them have broken my spirit like the first one almost did. After you get used to handling 130 lb. tackle and using the boat to your advantage, you can fight this toughest of all fish for an hour and be ready to take on the next one immediately!

The secret to fighting giant tuna is to use your body against the fish instead of your arms. Strapped into a kidney harness, you slide back and forth in the fighting chair, using your back and legs for pumping power. With one hand on the reel handle and the other guiding line, you normally won't grip the rod at all. Most anglers fish giant tuna with 12/0 reels, 130 lb. dacron; and unlimited rods. Striking drags are usually about 30 pounds and full drags can be more than twice that. With all that drag, a tuna sounding close to the boat will lift you right up in the chair.

A word of caution about dacron is in order at this point. The reason most knowledgeable fishermen use dacron for tuna fishing is because it has little stretch. That can be a disadvantage in lower tests as stretch makes up for angler errors and results in fewer breakoffs. However, in fighting giant tuna, it's necessary to beat the fish with maximum pressure and mono makes it tough on the angler, whose pulling is simply taking stretch out of the line rather than moving the fish.

For years a favorite of tuna fishermen was Garcia's 130 lb. dacron. It was relatively thick, very easy to splice, and stood up for years. Then, several years ago, DuPont changed the dacron filament with which the lines are braided. The new, thinner filament was an improvement for the textiles for which dacron is produced, and it also resulted in a thinner, less expensive dacron. The only trouble was that it didn't stand up in actual tuna fishing, though it tested out perfectly. Tuna fishermen frantically bought up any "old" Garcia dacron they could find and anyone having a supply could sell it at a premium. Fortunately, Garcia was able to obtain a supply of the old filaments from DuPont and the "heavy" line is once again available. However, since the dacron is still produced both ways, it is important to be sure that you get "high bulk" rather than "hi-tenacity." The code numbers for 80 and 130 lb. run from 35271 to 35277. In tests less than 80 lb., the new dacron appears to stand up perfectly. High bulk dacron costs about 20 percent more than hi-tenacity as the filaments are thicker and it takes a greater weight of dacron to make any given length of line.

Author with small boat giant tuna at Gloucester.

Those interested in the thrill of giant tuna fishing would be well advised to think about a trip to Gloucester. The fishing there has been superb every summer and fall since 1971. At times, hook-ups come almost as fast as a bait can be lowered. Of course, the fishing also can go into slumps there from time to time (particularly after a storm), but you can't beat the area for consistency. Surprisingly, it usually isn't hard to get a charter there on weekdays. I can highly recommend Jay and Billy DeNoia, outstanding tuna fishermen from Groton Connecticut. I've fished aboard their "White Stallion" many times and almost always enjoyed memorable fishing. In fact, the last trip I made with them last year, we caught four giants and were on our way home by 2:00 P.M.! They can be reached nights at 617-281-1859. During the day leave a message at the Cape Ann Marina. The "Cookie" is sometimes also available for charter. Contact Eddie Murray at the Cape Ann Marina Motel at 617-283-2112.

To be Continued Next Week...

CHUMMING FOR TUNA

by Milt Rosko

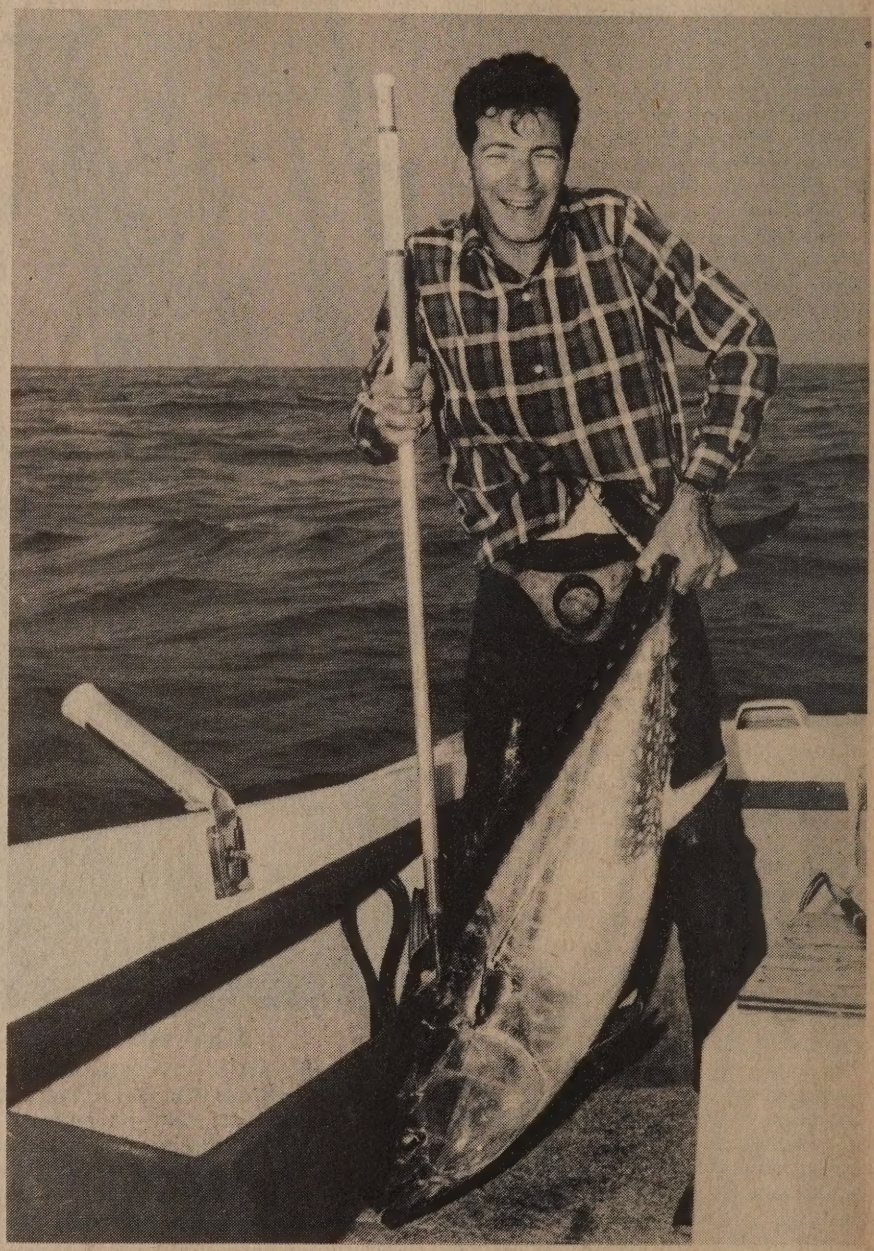
Late each summer and continuing through the fall, the huge schools of school bluefin tuna, those streamlined torpedoes ranging from as low as ten, to upwards of 100 pounds, settle down to provide chummers with excellent sport. Early in the season the tuna are usually travelling in huge schools near the surface. At times they're downright ornery, with thousands of them cavorting on the surface, and even with your best efforts they refuse to strike. On still other occasions the school bluefins may be chasing bait and will readily strike a lure trolled fast and right up in the wake. It's on those occasions that trollers often are hooked into fish continually, or until their anglers beg for relief from the tough fighters.

During August and September, and weather permitting right through October, many of these school bluefin tuna settle into areas where natural forage is plentiful and they often respond to a chum slick, providing exciting light tackle sport for anglers.

Perhaps the most popular chumming ground for tuna along the middle Atlantic coast is the area of the Mud Hole, specifically the slopes of the Hole, primarily the inshore edge, where boatmen from Long Island and New Jersey ports enjoy bonanza fishing once the bluefins settle in.

The tuna move into this area because there is an abundance of food to satisfy their appetites. While the surface forage such as squid, mackerel, herring, butterfish, and menhaden is plentiful, there is also an abundance of food down on the bottom, the most popular of which is the ling and whiting, which practically pave the bottom in some areas. Although most people associate school tuna with feeding near the surface, this is by no means the case, for the schoolies as well as the giants often turn to the bottom as a place where they can readily find a meal.

Boatmen who haven't as yet tried this spot would do well to try an area where I've had fine results over many years of fall chumming. It's a spot on the inshore edge of the Mud Hole, located in approximately 120 feet of water, just about seven miles offshore of the gas tank in Long Branch New Jersey. I mention this spot because it's relatively easy to find, and has consistently produced good sport with tuna of all sizes.



When a school bluefin tuna like this 82 pounder grabs your bait you know you've got a fish on the line! Marty Hodes landed this 82 pound beauty from his Lisa Lee while chumming with ground mossbunker and baiting with a live ling caught on the bottom.

Before discussing the tackle and techniques used to score on these grounds, let me point out that you'll be anchoring in water that is perhaps deeper than you've ever anchored in before. Important considerations before even leaving dockside is that you have sufficient anchor line, a good anchor of the correct size for your boat, and a length of chain between anchor and line.

I vividly recall on three occasions over the last several years of having arrived on the tuna grounds, and the skipper finding out the hard way that we had insufficient line to anchor. We wound up in each case tying old pieces of rope together, and luckily managed to hold bottom. For you small boatmen with rigs in the 20 to 26 foot class I'd recommend you have at least 600 feet of 3/8'' rope aboard, an 8 pound standard Danforth type anchor, and 6 feet of chain with it.

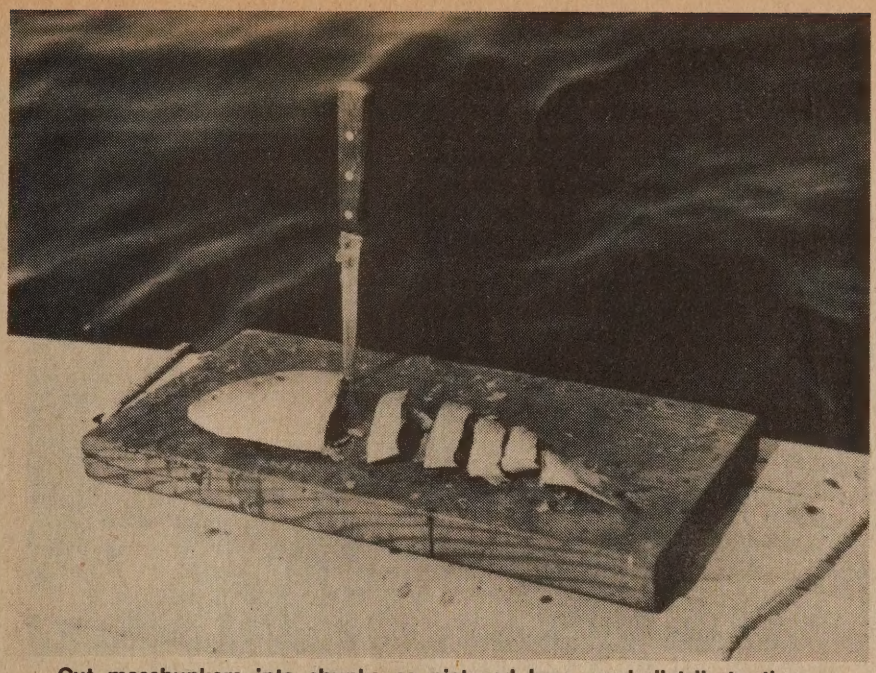
From the outset let me make clear the techniques we'll be talking about are essentially for school tuna up to 100 pounds, although you may be lucky on occasion and hook one approaching the 200 pound mark. The giant bluefins require sturdy tackle and somewhat different techniques.

I like to fish as light as possible, without handicapping myself to the point of being at the mercy of a big fish. As a result I've settled on regulation 30 pound class tackle as being ideal for this type of fishing. It's light enough so that you enjoy catching a 25 pound school tuna, as well as the Atlantic bonito and little tuna in the 5 to 20 pound range that occasionally wander into the slick. But it has the power to handle hundred pound fish plus as well.

The basic outfit consists of a Fenwick 30 pound class big game rod, Penn International 30 big game reel, and I fill it with in excess of 500 yards of Golden or Orange Stren monofilament line. With this outfit, and properly tied knots, I can put a tremendous amount of pressure on the fish, and while it may take me awhile to land a big tuna, if the tackle is in good order, and the drag set properly there's really no problem. I'm never in a rush, because fishing is relaxing and I truly enjoy giving a tough gladiator an opportunity to win its freedom.

Terminal rigging for school bluefin tuna, Atlantic bonito and little tuna is about as basic as you can get. I use a 3/0 or 4/0 Eagle Claw tuna style hook, and I tie it directly to the end of the monofilament line using a Uni-knot. So rigged, you're ready to bait up and get fishing.

Depending on conditions, and the way the tuna respond to the chum, there are several ways in which you can present your baits to maximize your chances of scoring. I like to fish one bait 50 feet beneath the surface and another down 75 feet beneath the surface. These are sent to this depth with the aid of a rubber-cored sinker that is attached to the line a couple of feet up from the bait. A piece of cork or styrofoam is slit with a knife, and slipped onto the line to hold the line at the precise level, and the floats are worked back 100 to 125 feet from the boat. Often we'll put the outriggers down, and snap the lines to the rigger pin. In this way the two lines



Cut mossbunkers into chunks as pictured here, and distribute them overboard with the ground chum to entice school bluefin tuna, little tuna, Atlantic Bonito and occasional bluefish to your baits.

suspended from floats are well spread, and well back and out of the way.

The remaining two lines that we employ are either hand held or fished in rod holders, and the line and bait, constantly paid out and retrieved, so that the bait works out with the chum. With these last two lines we occasionally add a rubber cored sinker to take the baits deep, but this depends on conditions, with the weight being added only if the fish are taking hold deep, or if there is a heavy tide running. If the fish show in the slick, and are taking baits just beneath the surface, then we use no weight at all.

There are a variety of baits which may successfully be used for school tuna and here it behooves you to have a live well aboard your boat in which to keep the baits active. Small mossbunkers that can be caught inshore are fine, and during years when tinker mackerel are plentiful, these make excellent baits. I've also caught tuna on six to seven inch long herring that moved into the chum line and were dipped aboard with a net.

While these aforementioned baits are sometimes difficult to come by, there are baits that are easier to obtain, and right on the fishing grounds at that. Immediately upon anchoring up I send a rig down to the bottom. I have three small Eagle Claw hooks on it, and I bait each hook with a piece of bunker heart dug out of the chum. The hearts are tough, and a fish can chew on them and never rip them from the hook. Invariably a bottom feeder will hook itself. The two species we usually catch are ling and whiting. This is one time when we're not looking for big ling and whiting, but those nice six to ten inch long fish that make excellent hook baits. Because they're brought up from such a depth the ling and whiting's air bladder fills up, and the bait will actually float, so it's necessary to puncture it. This can easily be accomplished by using an awl, and permitting the air to escape. Both ling and whiting will stay alive quite well and make a fine bait.

If you can't get live baits you should always have a back up of either small mossbunkers or butterfish. I prefer the latter, as they are a harder bait that holds up well on the hook.

With live baits I hook the baitfish just ahead of the dorsal fin, through the meaty section in back of the head. Be careful not to place the hook too deep. Hooked properly the fish can swim about actively for a long while, even in a swift current that you occasionally encounter offshore. With dead baits I usually pass the hook in through the flesh near the tail of a small butterfish, and secure the tail to the line with a small piece of sewing thread. Hooked in this way the bait drifts nicely, and if a tuna picks it up it cannot readily pull the bait from the hook because it is secured around the tail of the bait by the sewing thread. With large butterfish or bunkers I'll usually cut the bait diagonally from the head towards the tail and get two hook baits from one fish.

Still another effective, and rather unique bait is a ''meatball.'' This is most effective when you see tuna swarm into the slick, as is often the case, whereupon they pick up chum and chunks of bait, but totally ignore a baited hook. The meatball is made by compacting a

Little tuna, often called "albacore" locally, often invade chum lines intended for school bluefin tuna. Bob Rosko landed this average size little tuna while using a butterfish bait, as Scott Hodes beams approval of his catch. Both the bluefin tuna and little tuna are fine when filleted and prepared as tuna salad.

quantity of chum about the size of a golf ball. The hook is placed within the ball of chum, and then the hook and ball of chum is tied within a small piece of ladies hair net, with the ends of the net tied tightly with sewing thread. The hair net holds the meatball of chum securely. This bait last only a few minutes, but is extremely effective when the fish are swarming in the slick, as it is eased overboard as you ladle out some chum, and the fish just rush in and grab it.

As to the quantity of chum you'll need, it depends on how long you plan to fish. I suggest a couple of five gallon pails if you plan to put in a full day. But I know of many anglers who sail late in the day, and fish the afternoon and on until dusk, and they find a five gallon pail is sufficient. Remember, you want to coax the fish to your baits with the chum, not feed them. In this regard, it is not necessary to chum as heavily for tuna as you would for bluefish.

You should also take along a slab, or approximately 20 pounds of whole menhaden. These may be used as hook baits, but more importantly they will be used to cut into small chunks around the size of a half dollar. Each time a ladle of ground chum is dispensed overboard, several chunks are tossed over too, further tempting the fish to move towards the source of the free meal.

Using a small ladle, one having the capacity of a tomato sauce can is fine, begin ladling out a soupy mixture of ground menhaden and sea water. Each time you toss a ladle of chum wait till it disappears about 30 feet or 40 feet behind the boat, and then ladle out some more. You want to establish a steady stream, and here it's important that you regularly tend the chum bucket, as a break in the chum line means you're just starting all over again, whereas an unbroken slick is more apt to attract fish.

About every second or third ladle of ground chum you should toss over five or six chunks of menhaden.

Set out the pair of lines on floats that I discussed earlier, putting a live baitfish on one if it's available, and a dead bait on the other. Do the same with the remaining pair of outfits, but keep the baits moving, permitting the bait to stream out a full 150 to 200 feet. Then reel it on in, and start all over again, so that there are always a couple of baits drifting out with the chum.

When a fish picks up the bait, permit it to take line for several seconds, pointing your rod tip in the direction the line is moving, then lock the reel in gear, and as the line comes taut lift back smartly to set the hook. With a moderate drag setting let the tuna have its head, steaming line from the reel on its initial run. A small schoolie won't take long to bring aboard, but if you hook a bruiser in the 50 to 100 pound class you had better put on a rod belt and settle down for a long time of it on the 30 pound tackle.

Sometimes you'll be chumming and receiving no hits on any of the bait spread, when suddenly you'll see tuna perhaps as many as six or eight, or as few as one, come steaming through the chum, occasionally within a rod's length of your stern. Often you can see these fish picking up the larger pieces of chum and the chunks you're throwing overboard. When this happens, quickly bring in one bait, and loosely coil 40 or 50 feet of line alongside where you're standing, or preferably on the hatch cover of a stern-drive or even in a pail, just to ensure that no one steps on it. Then toss out some chum, and several chunks, and simultaneously drop your bait with it, and quickly pay out the loose slack line, letting it slip through your fingers with no tension, so that it sinks with the chum and chunks.

Often a tuna, or several of them, will be picking up the chunks, and one will quickly take your bait. As the line begins to move quickly through your fingers as the fish picks it up, grasp it for a split-instant, and yank. This will set the hook, but you must immediately let go, or have your hand and fingers burned by the line. The loose line will immediately pay out overboard and come up tight against the rod, which should be sitting in a holder with a moderately set drag.

A point to remember, never let a rod sit on the deck or lean against the rail or gunwale with a bait in the water. Each year sees many outfits wind up being pulled overboard by careless anglers. Use a rod holder and be secure in knowing it won't be yanked overboard.

If the tuna fail to respond to a bait drifted back with the chunks, then quickly prepare a meatball and ladle several lumps of chum overboard, easing the meatball over with it. Here too, pay out the line by hand, so the meatball drifts without any drag, and most often you'll quickly receive a strike.

In most salt water fishing anglers rise early and speed out to the fishing grounds. This is the case with the tuna fleet, and on a weekend late in the summer or fall there are hundreds of boats milling about and chumming, and often the fishing is mediocre or poor. Simply too much traffic and the fish become spooky.

My recommendation on both the weekend and during the week is to leave dockside about noon, which should put you on the fishing grounds, anchored and beginning to fish around 2 or later. By this time most everyone else is heading for home, and the fishing will be progressively better the later it gets. I've experienced by far the best tuna chumming between five and dark and on several occasions fought tuna well after dark, with hardly another boat on the fishing grounds. By far the best evening of the week is Sunday, for everyone has pushed themselves all day Saturday, and most of the day Sunday, and you have the whole oceanful of school bluefin tuna, little tuna and Atlantic bonito to yourself.

ADVANCED SNAPPER FISHING

by Alan Reff

Tired of having the tails of your spearing chomped off, with nothing on the hook? Want to increase your fun? Want to increase your catch? Want to bring in snappers while your neighbor is teaching the bait how to swim? Read on.

Regardless of how you fish, you can't catch them if they are not there. So, we attract snappers the same way we attract their older brothers out in the deep water—we chum, and we make a dead bait-fish appear like a nice, juicy, but wounded fish.

Snappers cruise around looking for an attractive meal. When you chum, the current will carry your slick downstream. The whole idea of chumming is to attract the wandering snappers to your bait. If you rig your spearing (silverside) or killifish as I will describe later on, you've got another fish in your bucket.

Most of the time when somebody mentions chum, you think of the mess of ladling a mix into the water. The method described here will make the fussiest owner happy—no mess on your boat either. To make chum, use either bunker you've snagged, mackerel you've saved, or fish waste.

Save the heads and entrails of other fish you have caught, or get it at your friendly local fish store. Mossbunker (menhaden) is best since it is very oily, smells a lot, and snappers, like bluefish, go for it. I puree the chunks in my wife's blender with enough water to make a soupy mix. A meat grinder will also do the job. After grinding, mix in the water. The chum mix is then frozen into blocks that fit my standard chum pot. One quart milk containers are just the right size, and since they are water-tight, will hold any of the mix that might melt too fast.

Wrap the container of frozen chum in newspaper before you leave the house. Paper is an excellent insulator and will keep the blocks frozen until you are ready to use them. To start chumming, unwrap a container, cut holes about the size of a quarter in the sides of the container at the bottom. As the chum melts, the current will wash it out forming the chum slick. Since the holes are at the bottom of the container, gravity automatically feeds the frozen block down to replace the part that is melted and carried out by the current.

Start by suspending the chum pot about two feet below the surface of the water. After you've caught a few fish, you can adjust the depth of the pot according to where the fish are. If you don't have a chum pot, attach a line and a hefty sinker to the top of the container and lower it directly into the water. Don't forget to cut the holes! Another alternative is an onion sack, with a brick to weigh it down. Don't use a potato sack, as the close weave of the burlap will prevent the chum pieces from being carried downstream.

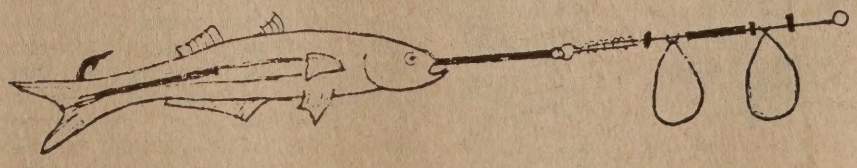
If you like the idea of the onion sack, try this: get a lot of fish waste from that same friendly fish store, and freeze it into large blocks in plastic bags. When you are ready to use it, dump a block into the onion sack and lower over the side. The larger pieces of waste will not pass through the sides of the sack, but the current will carry its flavor downstream, and there will be no complaints about pollution.

Now that we have succeeded in attracting fish to the area, we have to make sure they take our bait. Again, we use the same techniques that are used to catch adult bluefish. The bait has to look natural and attract attention. I use a Weber spinner (any one of the various models will do) with a #3 long shank Mustad-Bridgeport snapper hook. It is important to use a hook with an in-line eye. An offset eye will rip the bait. Push the eye of the hook into the fleshy part of the bait's back, run the shank of the hook through the body and out the mouth. Push the hook through the body just in front of the tail. Attach the eye of the hook to the spring end of the spinner. The eye end of the spinner is attached to your line in any of the usual ways. By running the long shank of the hook through the body of the bait, it will not be bent or twisted; it will lie straight and natural along the hook's shank. With the hook placed just forward of the tail, you will get the snapper who tries to hit and run. No more tail-less bait.

Cast the rig out as far as possible into the chum slick. Let it sink for five or ten seconds; retrieve very slowly, just fast enough for the current to move the spinnerbaits. Play the bait as you would play a lure. Let it sink, twitch it up, let it sink again, etc. There isn't a snapper around who can resist what you are offering. An advantage to this type of fishing is that since they are hitting a moving bait, the hook will most likely be in the mouth. Gut hooking hardly ever occurs. If the snapper is too small, or you are fishing just for sport, the fish is not harmed and can be returned to the water.

It is not necessary to cast to work with this technique. Use a snapper stick, bamboo pole, or even a drop line. Let the rig sink to the bottom—attach a small splitshot about 12 inches above the spinner if necessary—then jig it up by twitching the pole tip or pulling on the line. Each twitch will rotate the spinners and attract attention. If there is a current flowing past your spot, the water will give action to the rig even if you do nothing. Your line will be working for you while you are grabbing a bite of lunch, or are away for a few moments.

My son and I use 4 pound test monofilament, small spinning reels and ultra light spinning rods. The entire package is inexpensive and can also be used for fresh water fishing. Late in the season, when the snappers are 10 to 12 inches long, and the hit is 50 feet from the dock, the rod bends in half and the fun really begins. We have chummed and used the rig at different locations ranging from the Jones Beach fishing piers to a dock in Whitestone. It works well for us. Why don't you give it a try.



THE ABC'S OF CATCHING BIG WEAKFISH

Part I

by Doc Grell

"A" the Area

A look at any map will show that a multitude of streams feed into the north shore of the Great South Bay in the are of the Town of Babylon, Islip, and Brookhaven. In many of these places large weakfish can be found in the summer chasing their favorite meals which consist of bunkers (menhaden) and small snapper blues. Early morning trips (4 A.M. to 7 A.M.) to any of these streams will reveal water action consisting of small splashes and giant splashes caused by bunkers and snappers jumping out of the water to escape from giant tiderunners whose appetites for bunker appears insatiable. After witnessing several of these early morning eating orgies from my outboard skiff the obvious question was, "How do you catch these big weakfish that are apparently energizing themselves for their annual fall migration from the Great South Bay?" The second question, "Should I go out into the ocean fishing or stay here and attempt to catch these fish?," is answered in what follows.

"B" the Bait

After spending considerable time casting a myriad of plastic and artificial lures to these fish with little success it became obvious quite rapidly that at this time of year big weakfish want nothing to do with "No Cal" artificial shrimp, popping plugs, or other phony synthetic foods. What these fish want is the real thing...LIVE FISH...in particular bunker. This fact appeared early one July morning when a freshly snagged bunker which I had caught with a Jim Bagley Salty Dog spoon was gobbled up by a thirteen pound weak right off the dock where I keep my boat. Matter of fact within the space of two hours four more monster weakfish gobbled up freshly snagged bunker without a trip to the Sore Thumb or ocean needed. To top it off, this kind of fishing eliminated major trip expense and gets me home for a late morning breakfast. In a nutshell, it is fishing in your own backyard. At any rate, before you do down to the inlet, the Sore Thumb, the ocean or your favorite deep holes every early morning angler chasing bunker should do a little weakfishing where the bunker are around even if it is in your neighbor's backyard off Willet's Creek, The Connetquot River, or in front of the Babylon Town Swimming Pool.

Doc Grell with a 13 lb. weakfish taken on light tackle employing Salty Dog 1½ ounce spoon (small fish) and a live bunker.

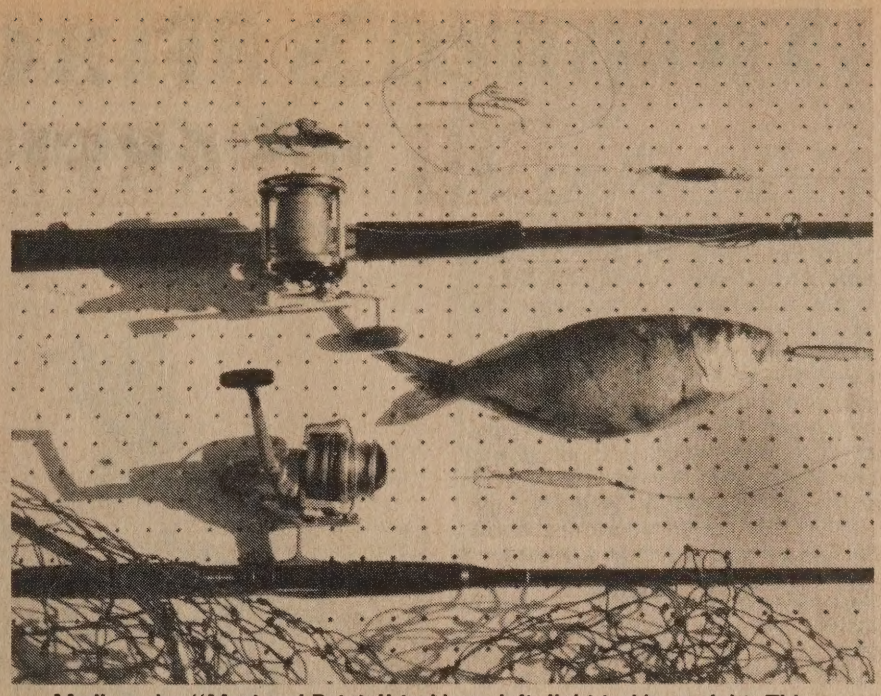
How do you catch these oily spooky baitfish? It has been my experience that you first must find them breaking water in the particular tributary stream or water basin. You must have patience in your search for bunker even if you have to travel up several creeks. Such trips might necessitate going as far north as Merrick Road or Montauk Highway. One day I found my bunker so close to Merrick Road in Babylon, I thought the bunker were having breakfast at the Pioneer Diner. Another day I thought the bunker and their ravenous friends were taking in an early movie in Babylon.

Once you have determined that the bunker are breaking water you now have the job of snagging them. Bunker for the most part make larger splashes than small snappers and you can often see them easily in panicky flight just beneath the water surface.

Before you proceed any further you must decide upon your plan of attack. Are you going to snag bunker with a stiff casting rod with a medium size spinning reel to which is attached 12, 15, or 20 lb. test line terminating with a 3 ounce bunker snagging treble hook or are you going to employ lighter tackle and plan to do your fishing right where you snag your bunker? If you select the heavier tackle method the snagging rig will sink rapidly and collect bottom debris in a matter of seconds. Don't get me wrong you can catch bunkers this way and it is

undoubtedly the method that most anglers snagging bunker employ. However, when snagging bunker in shallow water tributary streams it does present you with a lot of work. In deeper water this methods works fine.

When snagging bunkers in these shallow water tributary streams I prefer lighter tackle and select an artificial metal lure which simulates a small slender fish. Attach a No. 1, 2, or 3 treble (sharply honed) to a needle point hook. This treble hook is free dangling. The size of the treble attached to the metal lure can be varied according to the size of the bunker. Specifically, I employ a 7' Berkely spin rod PG30L Parametric, a Daiwa 1500 or Penn Spinfisher 720 spooled with 6 lb. Tournament Ande. The Salt Dog spoon (1½ oz.) is attached to the line by way of a small snap swivel. If small bluefish are around, a 20 lb. test, 6 inch long steel casting leader is attached between 6 lb. test line and snagging spoon. I have found this combination to be perfectly balanced and adaptable for snagging bunker and catching big weakfish. This light tackle arrangement allows for easy casting and gives you a "three in one" terminal tackle arrangement whereby you can snag bunker, catch weaks and bluefish, and is light enough so that when you catch a bunker you can rearrange bunker on treble and take up live-lining with a minimum of difficulty. In shallow water the small spoon also serves as a modified light drail for slowing down the action of the live bunker.



Medium size "Meat and Potato" tackle on left, light tackle on right. This picture shows bunker hooked onto 1½ ounce Jim Bagley Salty Dog Spoon (artificial) with treble hook. Medium size tackle shows Penn 500 with two ounce drail, 5 ft. shock leader and No. 3 treble. Line test here is 20 lb. Ande. Light tackle is Daiwa 1500C reel, Berkeley Parametric 7' rod, 6 lb. test Ande, 12 lb. vinylon shock leader and 1½ ounce Salty Dog Spoon used for catching bunker, casting as well as live lining.

"C" the Catching

As soon as you snag your first bunker you have several questions to answer. 1. Are you going to take your first live bunker, rearrange him on your treble hook for immediate live-lining? If you see big weakfish jumping around the boat you can save considerable time and energy by doing your weakfishing where you are now catching bunker. It is advisable to insert 3 prongs of a 3/0 in the fresh bunker's mouth: One hook goes through the lower jaw and the other two hooks of the treble are placed in the mouth in such a way that each side of the mouth has a hook protruding from it.

The nice feature of casting, drifting and swimming your live bunker in the area that you caught him in is the fact that you will not have to contend with another trip, fast moving currents, use of drails, ripple mark run-offs, underwater hang-ups and getting involved in the salt water aquarium business. These slow moving streams are ideal for light tackle and provides your bunker a controlled run for his life under your sadistic guidance. With light tackle, bunker life is lengthened and you spend more time weakfishing and less time pouring water in and out of large containers which is all work. Also when you catch a large tiderunner on light tackle you will be in for a true adventure in sport fishing.

When you begin to feel your live bunker swimming nervously and energetically you can rest assured that Willie the Weakfish is zeroing in on his target. When you begin to feel your line moving steadily away from you, a runoff is commencing. It is at this time that you do not panic and set the hook. On the contrary if you are basically a little neurotic it will take all of your willpower to allow the weakfish to swallow the whole bunker before setting the hook. Believe me, they do swallow the whole bunker head first. In setting the hook I count quietly to myself, one, two, three...and have reached as high as 50 before setting the hook. When you do set the hook come back with your rod directly over your head. Do not drop rod tip and then come back. The resulting belly in your line and the upward sweep with your rod is almost certain to break your light tackle set-up. I set the drag for 6 lb. test line at about 25 percent of the breaking strength with a Chatillon spring balance just prior to fishing. Remember that you are using 6 lb. test line so the fish must be tired out before you can even get a look at him for netting. Fishing light tackle can involve as long as a one hour encounter with a monster weakfish as well as considerable maneuvering of your skiff if your large weakfish starts heading for a boathouse. There will be runs and re-runs and frequent one way trips of "no return." This however is sportfishing. You will never catch large numbers of big weakfish but your thrills will be much greater than if you proceed with the heavier tackle "meat and potato" method of catching large weaks.

Peter Grell with medium size "Meat and Potato" 30 lb. rod, Penn 500 with treble hook arranged in large bunkers mouth for live lining down by Sore Thumb. 20 lb. Ande spooled on Penn 500.

Autumn's Mixed Bag

by Ron Onorato

If there was just one month in which I could fish every day and just about expect to run into virtually all of Long Island's fish population, September would have to get the green light. For some reason, just about all of the native fish seem to be available at this time, and more importantly, are readily taken on rod and reel. You can venture out of any of the south shore inlets and seek out one quarry, and end up with several. Variety is the name of the game.

September seems to be the focal point for any number of fish as they prepare for their migrations by feeding in earnest after several months of only sporadic activity. The early part of the month may seem just like August with its associated warm weather and mild winds, but sometime around the middle of the month, the winds go to the northeast. It doesn't really have to be a prolonged storm, just a steady breeze for a few days with cooler air temperature. This is what seems to stir the fish into much more consistent activity.

What exactly is available? Just about every bottom fish and almost all the spectacular and glamorous gamefish. You can leave the inlet intent on bluefish chumming and end up with an albacore or tunafish bonanza. Porgies, seabass, and doormat fluke now feed on many of the same grounds and large catches of mixed fish abound. Large schools of weakfish are plying the south shore beaches and are there for the knowing angler. Mullet and bunker start to school up, large and small stripers start to shed their summer feeding habits and follow the baitfish as they prepare for their journey out of the bays and harbors. Scattered patches of bluefish school more densely and begin to rip into bunker, spearing or sand eels like there is no tommorrow.

The good thing about fishing at this time of year is that the fish seem to be less finicky about taking either bait or lures. They seem to be the easiest to catch at this point. Of course there will have to be some effort on your part, and the angler that is prepared will show the results.

The key to success at this time of year seems to be being prepared properly, and forgetting about the conventional techniques and while trying new methods and experimenting as the case arises.

If there is one thing that can be said about this fishing it is that you can never

Big blues abound in fall.

be prepared enough. A perfect example occured to George Oliver and myself in late September of 1974. We were crossing the Ambrose Channel on route to the Mudhole for some tuna chumming. As we approached the black can side of the channel, small pods of baitfish splattered on the surface. The tempo increased as stripers in the 10 pound range beat the surface into a froth. All we could do was stand idly by and watch another boat take fish after fish on small tins. We had no spinning tackle on board and the 4/0 outfits were not exactly what you would use for casting. Things got so bad we even tried trolling some tuna feathers, but we knew we were wasting time. Who ever expected a bass blitz of that proportion? Fortunately the tuna activity that afternoon was pretty good and we were somewhat appeased.

I'm sure we all could relate a tale like this as we may have run into something we were not really prepared for. The main problem lies with the amount of space we have on the boat and how to use it wisely. It would be fine if there was enough room to take all sort of outfits and lures everytime we go out, but this is not possible.

Let's take a look at the offshore fishing areas first and then go to the inshore picture. September is prime time for chumming blues, tuna, albacore, and bonito. Whenever you go out chumming with bunker for blues, you should expect an appearance from the members of the tuna family. This has been especially true for the past few years along the south shore of Long Island in such areas as the Angler Banks, the Cholora Grounds, and the Three Sister's wreck area. Last year especially, there were times when school tuna really muscled in on the blues. For every fisherman ready for them, there were 10 totally unprepared.

Whenever I go bluefish chumming in these areas, there is at least one 4/0 outfit with 40 pound mono stashed somewhere in the boat. A few short shank tuna hooks and a couple of tuna feathers also go in the box. Again we learned the hard way by having a small squidder stripped by a husky tuna. It also pays to go a bit out of your way when chumming in these areas as far as bait goes. While tuna and albacore will go for smelts at times, small whole butterfish are much better baits. Try to spice up the chum slick with some chunk bait too like cut mackerel or small spearing. Again it's all a matter of cutting down the odds in the fish's favor and increasing your own.

Another item that is always handy to have around is a spinning stick. I refuse to go out without having some sort of spinning outfit with me regardless of whether we're staying in the bay or heading offshore. At this time of the year there is just too much action available to leave without it. Small stripers often feed actively on the surface during the mornings and evenings in the inlets and bays. Around this time, weakfish school in the 20 and 30 foot depths off the Rockaways, and Jones and Long Beaches and quite often feed near the surface. Several years ago while trolling some bunker spoons in 30 feet of water off Playland in Rockaway in late September, small swirls on the surface caught my attention. Small blues were what I figured they were, so I dropped over an umbrella rig. After several passes through the still swirling fish, there were no takers so the spoons went back on and I left the area. It turned out that this was really a large school of migrating weakfish, and 2 casters in a small Whaler took a garbage pail full on small white bucktails. If there was a spinning rod on the boat, their story may have been different.

You really don't have to go overboard with the spinning outfit. For the purposes of saving on space, a two piece outfit in around a 7 foot length is a handy item. A popping plug or two, a few tins and bucktails and a couple of wire leaders should carry you through most unexpected encounters.

Something that I never really started doing until recently while on the offshore grounds is casting small lures near the vicinity of some sort of floating debris and garbage. It seems that such fish as dolphin, blue runners, and several types of jacks like the shelter that these provide. For example, any sort of floating box, door, clumps of wood, or anything of sizeable nature almost always holds some sort of tropical fish life. On a late sharking trip south of the HA buoy last September, George Oliver and myself spotted a huge piano case floating in the crystal clear water. As we approached it slowly, a dolphin of about 15 pounds darted out from underneath the case and stayed under our boat. Tiny bonito of between 2 and 3 pounds darted back and forth between the piano case and the boat. It was really quite pleasant to watch and we left without disturbing them. Perhaps if we had a light outfit on board, we could have made several casts with small tins or feathers.

Let's not forget about bottom fishing as this too can turn into frustration when you're not properly prepared. Seabass, porgies and fluke have made a tremendous resurgence in the past few years, and fishing for them has once again become worthwhile.

If there is anytime for loading up with any of these tasty bottom dwellers, September is the time. Of all, the sea bass were the most surprising last year. When the big fluke were being taken last September on the wrecks and reefs along the south shore, the seabass were taken mostly as incidental catches. This was true with myself as well, and twice I was caught unprepared. The first time occured when drifting for fluke around the Iberia Wreck off Long Beach. The fluking was slow, and an occasional big seabass would take the fluke belly bait. The 3 and 4 pound bass hit the belly strips reluctantly and had we had some better bait such as clams or squid, we would have done a leap job. The other time we got stuck was out at the Cholora Banks late in September. We had been chumming for blues with only sporadic activity. Out of boredom, I sent a bunker back to the bottom on a 7/0 O'Shaugnessey hook with a 2 ounce drail, hoping that we might start picking up fish from the bottom. A decent fish hit the bunker back, and I thought I had a small blue. The small blue turned out to be a 5 pound mossback seabass. We were really caught shorthanded this time. Not only were our smallest hooks 7/0's, but the rods were stiffish and we didn't have any sinkers except for a 2 ounce drail. Excitement turned into frustration as we passed the outfit back and forth between us. The bass were heavy, and hit the bunker backs pretty hard, but we couldn't hook them with the big bluefish hooks. A fish would grab on for a few seconds and then let go.

A similar incident occured to a friend of mine out at Montauk while porgy fishing last year. This fellow anchored on the south side of the Point and started bailing porgies of all sizes with the aid of two chum pots and these were loaded with ground up skimmers and bunker chum. After awhile, he got a hit unlike a porgy bite. He reeled up a fluke of about 10 pounds and as he tried to net the fish he saw the tiny #4 porgy hook just hanging on the fish's lip. The fish dove at the surface and the tiny hook pulled out. He figured it was a stray fish and went back to the porgies. A few minutes later he hooked an even bigger fish, but lost that one too. Within an hour, he hooked and lost over a dozen big fluke without nailing one of them. The fish were stuffing themselves with the chum and had set up shop near the boat. This fellow had nothing but the tiny porgy hooks with him and only clams for bait. If he had been properly prepared, a good score of nice fluke may have been had.

That about wraps it up. The whole idea here is to give you an idea of what can happen and what to expect when you fish Long Island waters at this time of the year. Expect the unexpected and be prepared for it, and you can make some impressive scores.

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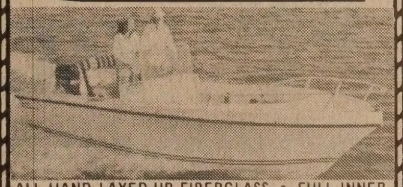

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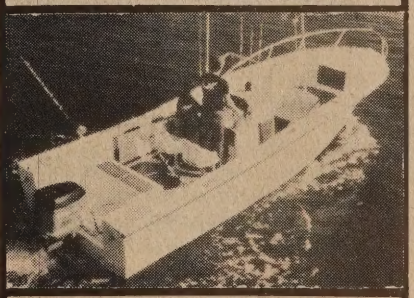

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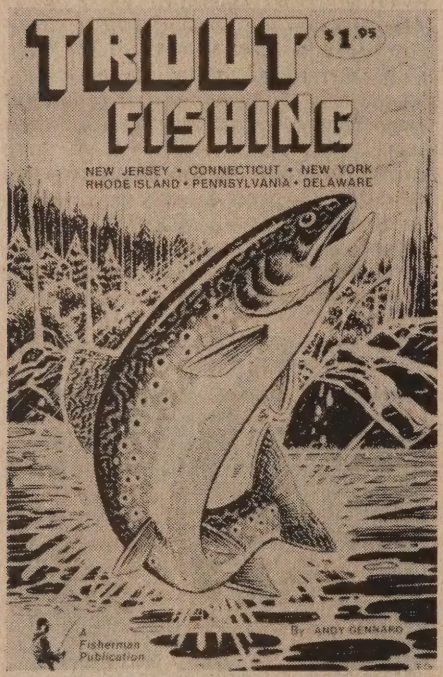

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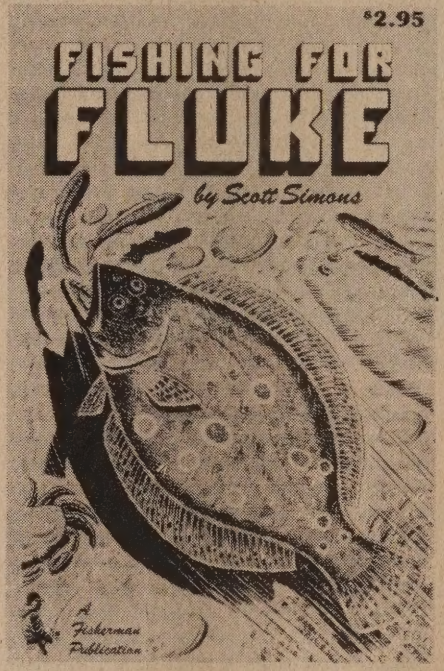

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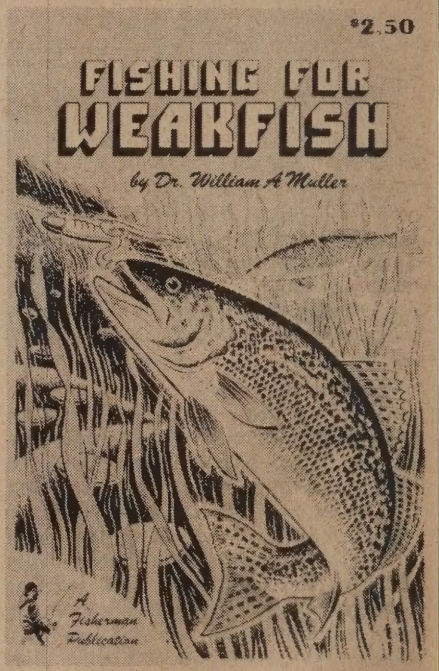

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MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

Despite the windy days of the holiday weekend, fishing was very good both inshore and offshore. Fluke fishing remains terrific in all the rips on the North Side and have begun moving around the the South side in quantity with reports of doormats in virtually every catch and several in the high teens. The striped bass action went from zilch to very good. Fishing at night trolling plugs has been producing, and one bass of 52 lbs. was taken on live eel in the Pollack Rip with several other pick-ups. A few skiffs running over from Connecticut with live bunker in their tanks have been driving the locals nuts with their impressive day-time scores of bass, which included at least two over 50 pounds and many 30's. This weekend's full moon should see the night bass fishing peak. Porgy fishing excellent all around the Point and on the South side. Seabass still all over the area. Bluefish trolling at the Sub Buoy, Southeast Light at Block Island, high ground around the MP Buoy. Big blues on bait at Cartwright and the Sub. Schools of small blues working the beach around Rocky Point, under the Lighthouse and all along the south side. Plenty of blue sharks and makos offshore, and good catches of tuna being made in 35 to 40 fathoms of water.

Shown here is John Sokalski with his catch of a 51 and 44 lb. cod taken aboard the Viking star.

Mario of N.Y. Police Department led the way with this 31 pound bass. A total catch of 45 blues up to 15 pounds and four bass was the final score for a party of 3. The fish were caught on Captain John DeMaio's home made diamond jigs.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** told me that some of the locals have been taking some nice catches of big bass trolling plugs, big tubes and eel skins at night when the moon is up and there is no fire in the water. Henry, who started pounding the beaches at Montauck back in '46, predicted that this Wednesdays full moon will see some big cows taken at Outer Shagwong trolling jap feathers around the high ground. The boats at Star Island have been loading up on fluke, sharks, tuna and bluefish. The "Meditation" took 6 tuna in the 30-lb. class trolling feathers and cedar jigs in 40 fathoms of wateer South of the Point. They left the feeding tuna to take a crack at a mako, and were rewarded with a 198 pounder. The "**San Wit**" took 9 tuna trolling in 35 fathoms 165 degrees from the Point. The "**Corsair**" also bagged 4 tuna 175 degrees in 40 fathoms, so it looks likme there may be a large body of fish in the area. The "**Steve II**" took a blue shark of 290 lbs. Capt. Dave Mcmahon of the charterboat "**Marie II**" has been averaging about 50 blues for a half-day trip trolling umbrellas at the Sub Buoy. The "**Bumble Bee**" took almost 100 fluke drifting at the North Rips on Saturday. The "**Hi Lee**" took 60 up to 12 lbs., and the "**Friendship II**" has been murdering the fluke in the North Rips and on the South side with daily catches of 80 to 100 fish up to 10 lbs.

Capt. Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** said thay they have been killing the porgies right in front of the Light with average catches of 75 to 100 fish a man. Many of the porgies are 2 and 3 pounds and there is quite a few nice seabass mixed in. Night bluefishing has been very good with over 100 fish coming over the rails Saturday night fishing at Cartwright and the Sub Buoy. Richie said that he just heard from the builder that the new **Marlin IV** may be finished early and ready to sail sometime around Christmas. The new boat will be 80 feet in length and has a wide beam of 23 feet.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** reported that the hot and cold bluefishing has been driving him up the wall. "On Wednesday the fish were jumping in the boat and we ran out of bait at noon. Everybody aboard measured their catch in bags and went home with limp arms. Returning to the same area the next day with great expectations, we had a disaster...same situation on the weekend. On Saturday the blues were located off Block Island and were climbing into the boat...same area on Sunday, we got zapped. You figure it out." Brad said that the blues are still moving around from the Southeast Light, Cartwright, Sub Buoy, MP Buoy, south side of Block Island, etc., and it's all a matter of finding them. Brad also noted that some of the private boats that should know better are trying to chum up the blues and are ruining the fishing. Chumming is great over a wide open bottom where the fish are scattered and you want to gather them up to the boat, but the blues at Montauk are already gathered up around the high bottom formations. All chumming does is to

Sharron Fellom and Thomas Tuckey tied the pool aboard the Capt. Spider with a 11 lb. fluke apiece.

Paul Montisi, joe Massaro, Bob Merkert, Capt. John Bilitsky, Vincent Fellom and Bill McCabe with their catch of a 98 lb. blue shark and seven blues to 12 lbs. taken aboard the charterboat Tried N True.

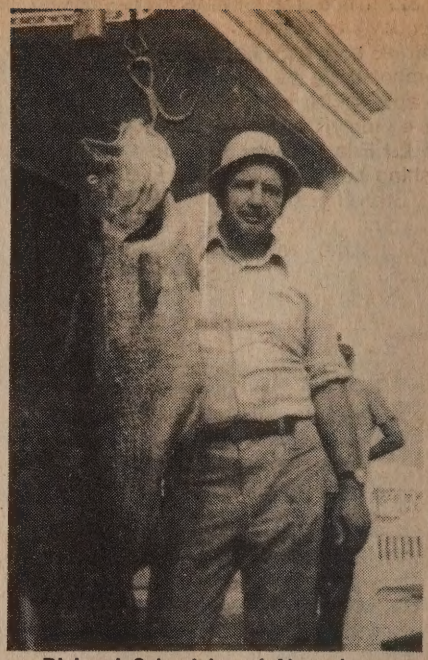
scatter the schools as they chase bits of chum all over the area. If chumming is your bag, try the area west of the Point... about 60 miles.

The **Cove Marina** had one of those once-in-a-lifetime catches come in on Saturday. Richie Kani and his father Anton took an 18 lb. 11 oz. fluke and a 52 lb. striped bass within a 24 hour period. Richie took the big bass Friday night swimming a live eel in the Pollack Rip and Anton took the doormat on a whole smelt drifting in the North Rips Saturday morning on their boat the **Iran IV**. The **"Scrambler"** has been taking plenty of fluke in the North Rips, including one of 7 lbs. 10 oz. caught by 7-year-old Michael Schweighardt. The **"Bonnie"** has also been doing a jod on the North Rips fluke with doormats up to 9 lbs. Cartwright has been producing excellent catches of big chopper blues for the marina's boats. Rig is the drail and chain with either a herring or small bunker, which Cove Marina has in their freezer.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the **Montauk** has mixing the trips up with bluefish and offshore sharking with very good results on both.

Captain Fritz Hubner of the charterboat **Mistress Too** reports that his charters have been doing a good job on the fluke in the North Rips and South side with plenty of doormats and the bluefish at the Sub Buoy.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** has been fishing the area



Richard Schuricho of New Jersey was the pool winner aboard the Peconic Queen III with a 48 lb. cod.

around the Lighthouse for porgies with excellent results. Irving Garner of Brooklyn fished aboard on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and had a total

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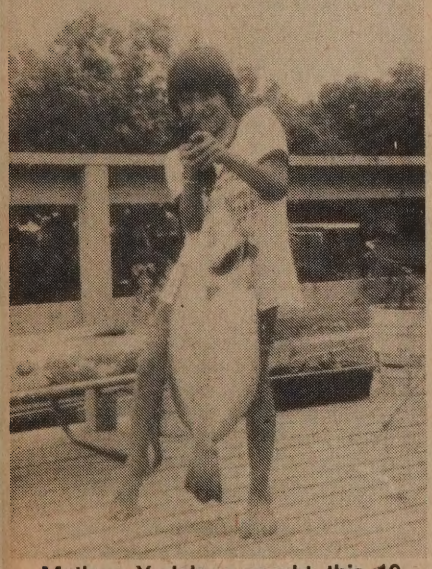
of 327 fish for the three days. Hi-hook on Sunday was Willie Cornell of the Bronx with 96 porgies. The fish are medium to jumbo size.

Captain Frank Braddick of the charterboat **Hurry Up**, which was on the cover of L.I.F.last week, said that the bass fishing has been very good trolling the big Stan Gibbs plugs at night during the outgoing tide. Frank said he has been taking some real cows, and the fishing should be hot through this weekend coming down from the full moon. Frank said that he only has a few open dates open for bass, so better call soon.

Ronnie D'Albora of the Gone Fishing Marina said that the bass fishing has been hot at night trolling while the moon was up and should remain so through this weekend. Fluke fishing remains excellent with an unbelievable number of doormats coming in. DiBiasi of East Meadow had a big catch of fluke...26 fish, SMALLEST 6 pounds. Porgies and seabass, all you want around the Light. Big blues are still a little too far out for the skiffs, but plenty of small fish schooled around Rocky Point, under the light and along the south side.

Captain George Oliver and Captain Ron Onorato, one of L.I.F.'s regular writers, have been scoring big with the bluefishing and excellent bottom fishing for fluke and porgies on their charterboat **Hombre.**

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the codfishing was still terrific at Coxes Ledge, with big cows up to 55 lbs. taking the pools daily. The bluefishing at night at Cartwright and the Sub Buoy has been consistent lately, with the fish averaging 12 to 20 lbs.



Mathew Yudelson caught this 10 lb. 3 oz. fluke fishing aboard the Nancy Y. Photo courtesy of Cove Marina.

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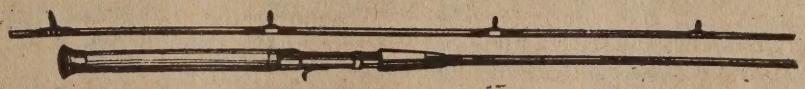

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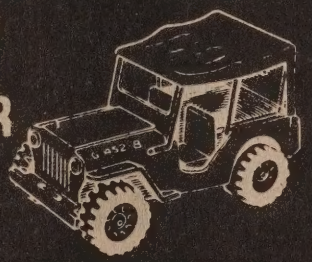

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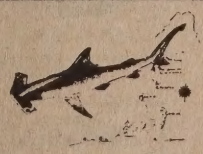

Captain Art Munday of the charter-boat **Darius II** asked us to announce that on his split charters, fares must book at least a few weeks in advance and have some alternate dates in mind when they call so that he may book them a workable date.

The **Captain Spider** reports that they are now catching a lot of big porgies working the various hot porgy grounds off Montauk Point.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** announces that the next upcoming Nantucket Wreck Trip for giant cod and pollack will leave September 12th at 9 P.M. and return September 13th, 9 P.M. Reservations are needed. Fare is $50 with a 50 passenger limit on his big steel boat. Paul says reservations are going fast and to call immediately if you want to load up.

Captain Frank Maccaro of the charter-boat *Free Spirit* called to report some of his good scores of bluefish and sharks. Last Monday the boat fished on the south side to get out of the wind and took 23 bluefish in the 15 to 18 lb. range on umbrllas. On Saturday the charter took 47 fluke on the south side 3 to 5 lbs. Best baits were sea robin strips and big snappers. Sunday was offshore shark-ing, and Henry Rodriquez took a 205 lb. blue shark that will be mounted whole. They also took four smaller blue sharks, three of which were released. Frank said that he still has a few weekend open dates in September and October for sharks, bluefish and stripers.

Captain Warren Hader of the charter-boat **DEVILFISH** called to say that offshore fishing has been excellent, and bluefin tuna and true albacore are now mixed in the catches. On Saturday the Double-T Fishing Club was out and took a 200 lb. dusky, blue sharks of 266 and 200 lbs., 2 true albacore of 50 and 30 lbs. and one bluefin tuna of about 35 lbs. trolling feathers in 40 fathoms of water south of the Point. Sunday's score was 3 blue sharks in the 200 lb. class and four true albacore in the 30-lb. class. Fishing on Monday was done southeast of Block Island in 180 feet of water and two bluefin tuna were bagged of about 30 lbs. each.

Scott Leonard pulled this nice 6 ½ lb. fluke from the cedar beach waters using squid strips on the outgoing tide. Photo courtesy of the Store.

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

PROMISED LAND

Promised Land Fishing Station reports weekend fluke fishing at Cartwright was fair. Porgies were taken at Gardiner's and mixed catches of blacks and sea bass were taken along with the porgies. There are plenty of snappers for those that want them.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports the weaks are still around but are not too many. But fish there are, are of good size up to 6 lbs. Porgies are good and are making better showing and are of mixed sizes.

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows Jr. of the **Captain Clark Boats** said that Monday's Labor Day fishing was excellent for weakfish off Nassau Point in the deep water. Ten anglers took about eighty weaks in the 1 to 3 lb. range. During the week a customer brought along a couple of quarts of fiddler crabs and took 30 blackfish to 5 lbs. Porgy fishing is still very good on the wrecks with blackfish mixed in with catches of up to 60 to 70 fish per man. The fish are small, ranging from ½ to 1 lb.

Peter Tutrani and sons, Mark and Wayne from Smithtown caught these 65 fluke drifting the incoming tide from buoy 30 to 29 on spearing. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

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The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The Long Island Fisherman Litter Box Contest gives our readers a chance of winning a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the better bait and tackle centers and pick up an L.I.F. Litter Box for the rear window of your car. Each week the license number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, call The Fisherman by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received, the cash prize will accumulate.

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Contest winners also will receive a NAFABCO GIMBAL ROD BELT, the new lightweight unbreakable plastic gimbal for boat & surf!!!

LAST WEEK'S WINNER:

Mr. Robert Kruass of W. Islip called to become this week's Litter Box Contest Winner. Along with his cash prize he has also chosen a free fishing trip for 2 aboard the Viking Star.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IS:

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Weekly winners of the L.I.F. Litter Box Contest may chose a trip for two aboard one of the following boats as their prize:

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Speedy VI
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Capt. Joseph Fleet

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Amberjack IV
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The minimum acceptance weights for anglers to receive a Skillful Angling Award and patch are:

FLOUNDER	2	STRIPED BASS	25
FLUKE	6	BLUEFISH	10
PORGY	3	WEAKFISH	7
BLACKFISH	6	POLLACK	18
COD	25	SEA BASS	3

Long recognizing the plight of the inshore fisherman, whose outstanding catches are often overshadowed by those of the glamorous billfishes, giant tuna and monster sharks, The Long Island Fisherman has started a program awarding "Skillful Angling Awards" to anglers in recognition of outstanding catches that may otherwise have gone unnoticed.

Minimum acceptance weights have been established for the various inshore species. As you can see, they have been set high enough to preserve the integrity and value of the award, while still being low enough to give all anglers a chance of having a fish recognized. Anglers that catch a fish that officially weighs more than the minimum acceptance weight for that species will recieve a "Skillful Angling Award" certificate suitable for framing and an embroidered patch with The Fisherman logo to wear on his jacket.

Numerous Official Weigh-In Stations have been established all over Long Island for the convenience of our readers. Each has an accurate scale that has met the requirements set down by The Fisherman, and can be identified by the plaque that is shown in the photo below that will be displayed in the premises. A complete listing of the present Official Weigh-In Stations also appears below, and will be periodically updated as new weigh-in stations meet the requirements.

Here's how the program works. When you catch a fish that you think may weigh more than the minimum requirement for that species (see the inset), take it to one of the weigh-stations listed below to have it officially weighed-in. If it meets the requirements, a post card will be filled out and signed by the proprietor and given to you to mail to The Fisherman. When we recieve the card and it is verified, a "Skillful Angling Award" certificate will be made out with the information from the card and sent with the patch directly to you from the offices of the Fisherman. That's it!

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN STATION

These establishments are the OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN STATIONS for The LONG ISLAND FISHERMAN. Look for the plaque like the one in the photo at left, and bring in your fish to the establishment nearest you to have it officially weighed-in and recorded. That's it!

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WEST SAYVILLE
South Bay Fishing Station

HAMPTON BAYS

Bradley's Fishing Station reports good catches of fluke and sea bass. 13 year old Jackie Carberry caught an 11½ lb. fluke at Shinnecock inlet with a live killey. This inlet fishing for fluke is getting better. In front of the station there are sea bass and some fluke. Snappers are all over and flounders are starting.

Franks Fishing Station reports there is some exciting fishing for small blues in Shinnecock inlet. Snapper fishing is just great and they are getting bigger. Fluke fishing has been spotty.

MORICHES BAY

Moriches Bait & Tackle reports a pick up in fluke fishing and the start of some good flounder catches. The Moriches inlet has seen several catches of black fish. Beginning on Thursday there were bluefish about 7 miles South of the Buoy. These blues went to 12 lbs. and were caught trolling or by shark fishermen using bait. During the weekend these fish came closer and closer to the inlet. The snappers and crabs are in abundance.

Tadsen Fishing Station reports fluke fishing slowed and they are starting to move out. Flounder catches have been had but right now it pays to wait. Crabs and snappers are good.

Silly Lilly Fishing Station reports fluke fishing picked up. The best time is the last of the incoming tide and a couple of hours of the outgoing tide by buoys 36 to 39. Snapper blues have been taken at buoys 36 and the Coast Guard Station. Snappers are all over. On the North side of buoy 38 some flounder and sea bass were taken.

Allan Rodriguez and his father used team effort to land this 41 ½ lb. striper taken in Moriches Bay. Subscriber Club Photo.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells us that weakfish, kings, sea bass, porgies, snappers and blowfish are making good mixed bag catches at buoy 29 and off LaSalle Academy on squid, spearing or clam baits on hi-lo rigs. An 85 fish mixed bag was the reward for anglers Sal and Mike Ferranti of West Islip.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports that they are catching everything, porgies, weaks, small blues, fluke, sea bass and blows in quantities along with dogfish and kingfish at buoys 28, 29, and 30 and also from buoys 22 to 24 drifting squid, smelts and clams. These are good mixed bag catches.

CAPTREE

Captain Neil on the Lady Ann reports fluking still very good on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb between the inlet and the State Channel. Saturday, a charter from Goldman, Sachs and Co., had 132 keeper fluke, with Carl Seitz hi-hook with 12 fluke, largest 5 pounds 11 ounces. On Sunday a charter from

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Attention Fishermen!

We are always interested in hearing from experienced surf fishermen with reasonable writing ability who would like to earn extra money and write for our weekly column, "SurfSide". If you are knowledgable about any of the following topics and places please prepare an outline of your proposed story—800—1400 words, black & white photos desirable, specific "How-To" & "Where-To"

LOCATION	SEASON	SPECIES	COMMENTS
Bayville	Spring	Bass	Bayville Bridge, or in front of wall to Rocky Pt.
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Eastern North Shore	Spring/Fall	Bass, Blues	
Gilgo	Fall	Bass, Blues	Bait
Moriches Inlet	Summer/Fall	Bass, Blues, Weaks	
Moriches Bay	Summer	Bass, Blues, Weaks	Plugs
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Sal DiGiovanni and Joe Distefano with their catch of 41 keeper fluke taken at Haunts Creek. Photo courtesy of Nicks Marina.

Gruman Aerospace, Bethpage, had 122 keeper fluke up to 4 pounds 3 ounces. Night blues are very spotty and while fishing for them on the wrecks, fares are taking good catches of sea bass and ling on the bottom. Neil says a big body of fish are to the east and they anticipate them coming within striking range. Sea bass and porgies are taken on the reef as evidenced by a Tuesday charter when 50 kids from the PAL had big catches with some blacks and fluke mixed in along with medium and jumbo porgies. It is important that there is no ground swell when doing this kind of fishing.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captain Scotty reported that the fluke fishing is really holding up with average catches of 6 to 10 fish per man. Best area remains to be the inlet around the bridge. Seabass fishing has been very good on the Fire Island artificial reef and a few fluke 3 to 4 lbs. are also starting to show up there.

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** reported that the fluke fishing from the Robert Moses Bridge to the inlet and just outside has been excellent, as it has been most of the season. The **Capt. Joseph IV** is now starting to make trips to the Fire Island Reef for the usual mixed bag of seabass, fluke, blackfish and porgies that are found there at this time of year. See their ad.

OAKDALE

Howie's Fishing Station tells us that the buoy 5 area is producing very good mixed bags of blacks, porgies and kingfish along with weakfish, mainly on squid on incoming tide. Gino and Bob Ambrosini and Bob Landrau of the Bronx had 13 weakfish from this area while Rino Bratelli and Dad from Flushing had 14 weaks and kings at buoy 4 on squid at the high.

OAKBEACH

Bill at **The Store** says fluke remains pretty good with several biggies being taken. Val Leblanc, local female angler took a 13 pound 2 ounce fluke surfcasting from the Sore Thumb on incoming on a white bucktail with squid strip. Paul Conefy also casting from the Thumb nailed a 14 pound 3 ounce fluke on live snapper. John the Greek casting from the Thumb, took a 7 lb. fluke on live snapper. Boats are doing very well on fluke up to 4 pounds drifting between the Thumb and Pt. Democrat, with live snappers, spearing and squid strips working well. Flounder are being taken along the rock jetties from the Sore Thumb, west of The Store on worms. Sand porgies and kings are hitting squid and worms in the back. Weakfish are in and out of the inlet and show a preference for live snappers. These fish are in the 5 pound class. Bill hears reports of stripers from Cedar and Gilgo in the 15 to 25 pound range taken on bunker chunks and eels, but he has not weighed these fish yet. Snappers are all over the place.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports that Paul Scaglione of Ozone Park did a good job at buoy 2 on a mixed bag of weaks, porgies, eels, blows, and kings. Buoy 2 is close in and mixed bags at this area are there now. The Kismet Reef is producing porgies, sea bass and blowfish on squid or sandworms. Blackfish

Bob Contos and his friends caught this nice 110 lb. blue shark, chum drifting SE. of F.I. Inlent in 120 ft. of water. Photo courtesy of the Store.

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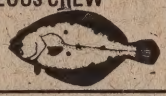

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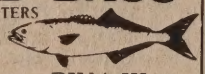

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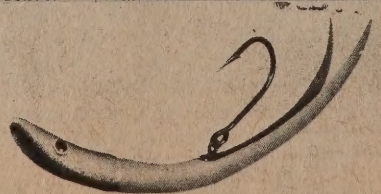

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are hitting fiddlers and skimmers, with bunker chum in a pot making a big difference. Fluking is good from the Meadowbrook Bridge to the inlet on the last of the flood to the first of the ebb using snappers or spearing/squid combos. Weaks at the Sore Thumb on live snappers or sandworms. Crabbing remains super good. Bob and Mike Nadeau of Brentwood had 97 crabs in traps locally in Bayshore on Friday. Sharks are being taken south of the inlet in 110 feet of water and Albies, bonita and blues are being trolled from the inlet to the pipeline. Some picky bluefishing at the NB.

BABYLON

Bill at Babylon Fishing Station tells of weakfish being taken from the Lighthouse to the Moses Bridge, fish going from 3 to 6 pounds hitting squid or live snappers with a few 8 and 9 pounders mixed in. One man had an 8 lb. 8 oz. and a 9 lb. weakfish. Results are best on the change at the flood. Kingfish in the area are hitting squid while blowfish, a welcome sight, are big and taking squid baits. Fluke are steady from the Lighthouse to the inlet on squid, sand eels, killies, and strip baits.

Augie's Bait and Tackle tells us that some albacore have been taken in 85 feet of water off the Lighthouse along with some trolled bluefish. Ten to fifteen keeper fluke per man has been the average from the FI Inlet area, from the bridge to the inlet, most fishing close to the south beach. Ski weighed in a 7 pound 11 ounce and a 7 pound 8 ounce fluke over the weekend. At night, sharpshooters are bagging 4 to 5 weakfish in the 6½ lb. range by first snagging small bunkers and snappers that swarm into the chanals being chased by the weakfish. These fish are being taken from the piers and the docks. Lots of eels being taken on hook

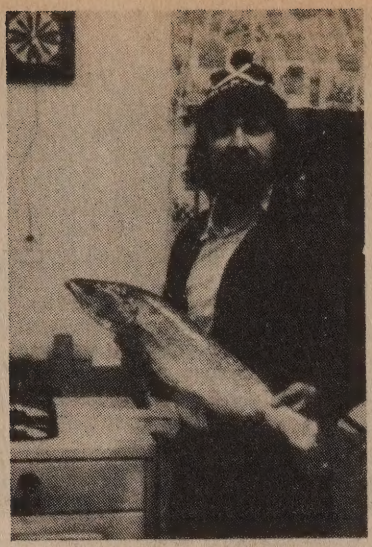
Bob and Jim Lieu caught these 40 fluke out of Seatuck Cove by buoy 38 on the outgoing tide. Subscriber Club Photo.

Anthony Riggio caught this 73 lb. skate with help from his uncle while drifting off Short Beach for fluke. Photo courtesy of Massapequa Tackle and Sport.

and line. Blackfishing great on the Kismet Reef and at the bridges. The red wreck buoy east of the coast guard station is producing blackfish up to 3 pounds on fiddlers. Sea bass in the East West Channel at the outflow pipe. Big porgies being taken and it is suspected that the State Channel may be where they're dwelling. Try there with a hi-lo rig and with clam chum. Ski has been selling a lot of eels to sharp shooters but no stripers have been brought in to be weighed and he is not hearing anything. However, this is a very suspicious occurence so we feel as does Ski that bass somewhere, are being used by these boat fishermen with success and it's being hushed up.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait and Tackle reports fluke still available at the mouth of FI Inlet and the immediate offshore area, with snappers, smelts, killies, shiners, squid or sand eels doing it on incoming best. Weakfish at the inlet and at the Lighthouse Hole and the Coast Guard Dock and also the Sore Thumb with small live snappers best. These are tide runners, with the best fishing in the evening, regardless of the tide. Snappers all over the bay, especially the Captree Boat Basin, the North and South sides of FI Inlet, and the town dock areas. Blue claw crabs very cooperative in traps while night drift netting is slowing a bit. Blows, blacks, sea bass, and porgies are in good numbers at the Kismet Inshore Reef on fiddlers and squid. FLASH—Off Copiague's Tanner Park in the Copiague Hole are large concentrations of porgies, many in the humpback range, hitting sandworms. Small bonita and albies are being trolled



Robert Zoebelein of Roslyn with the 9 lb. weakfish he caught off Fire Island on sandworms. Subscriber Club Photo.

at 90 to 100 feet of water southeast and southwest of F.I. Inlet in feathers. Striped bass action is picking up for surfcasters on jointed swimmers and fresh bunker chunks. Live eels should dominate if the cool weather predominates. A few flounder are starting to be caught.

AMITYVILLE

Geoge Combs Bait and Tackle reports good humpback porgies at the Kismet Reef on clam and squid. Fair blackfishing at the reef with sand porgies at West Island and the Copiague Hole on worms. Fluking is best at slack at the Fire Island Inlet on killies and baby bunker working best. Fair fluking at Squaw and Goose Creek. Weakfish in Sloop Channel on live bunker, snappers or worms on hi-lo rigs. Weakfish to 12 pounds plus at the Lighthouse on the flood using big baits. Live eels are getting a few bass at Zach's Bay. Snappers and crabs are plentiful. Ground clam chum in pots is working best results for bottom fishing. Try it.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports very good fishing all this past week with a lot of porgies, sea bass, blowfish and weakfish at the Copiague Hole, and from the Copiague beaches and pier. The porgies are mainly small ones, with a few biggies mixed in. Several boats had mixed bags of over 400 fish. Snappes are all over the place. A. Esposito of the Amity Harbor Fishing Club and four pals hit a school of weakfish in 40 feet of water south of the lighthouse and took 12 of them from 8 to 12 pounds on snapper baits. They also tagged and released 5 dusky and blue sharks on the same trip. Kasters are taking bluefish at Pt. Democrat on baby bunker. Crabbing is very good. Blacks at the Kismet Reef in good numbers on fiddler crab. The lighthouse hole is producing big weakfish from 6 to 8 pounds without going

Jim Falotico bagged 40 nice keeper fluke from 1 ½ to 5 lbs.on squid and spearing in the Fire Island Inlet. Photo courtesy of the Store.

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best on live snappers. Fluking slowed a little but good catches are still being made from the Copiague Beach and in Fire Island Inlet.

SEAFORD

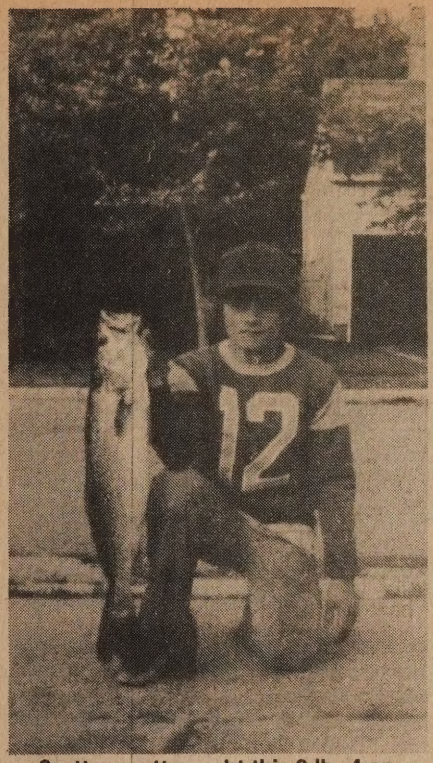
Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells about angler Anthony Spartalis Jr's big fluke of 15½ pounds taken at the 3rd Wantagh on live snapper. Tony is from Seaford and also on this trip took an 8½ lb. weakfish on live snapper. This was on Saturday. Snapper fishing is excellent and the fish are good sized. Crabbing is great on the flats and off the docks, piers, and bulkheads in traps and nets. Fluking has been slightly sporadic this past week, but the fish are bigger at this time of the year. Weakfish are being taken at the bridges on snappers and sandworms in the evenings. Lots of fellows are fishing for porgies at Four Corners on worms, clam and squid, though these fish are on the midget size.

MASSAPEQUA

Bill at **Massapequa Tackle** reports crabs and snappers very good while fluke has slowed a little in Jones Inlet. Chris Porter and Dad bagged 30 porgies up to 1½ pounds at the 26 foot hole off the Harbor Green Beach Club.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports very good fishing over this past three day weekend, with good mixed bags of sea bass, fluke, flounder, porgies, eels, snappers, small weak, blowfish being taken with hot spots



Scott everett caught this 9 lb. 4 oz. weakfish on a home-made rig. Subscriber Club Photo.

being Merrick Point, Row Boat Alley and the Fundy Bridge area. Sharpshooter Ed Pretakewicz weighed in a 7¾ lb. fluke which he took in 3 feet of water on the edge of Ned's Creek, along with 22 other keepers. Ed's speciality is trolling backwards against the tide. Lots of fluke in spurts in Jones Inlet. Friday was excellent there with 2 to 3 lb. fish. Weaks at the Meadowbrook Bridge on sandworms or snappers fished deep.

Roy at **Merrick Marine Supplies** reports small blues trolled just outside the inlet during the day on tubes. Weakfish are taking live snappers at the State Channel. Fluke slowing down a bit, but sizes healthy.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports crabs galore along with a few good sized fluke in the 4 to 6 lb. range. Some blues outside the inlet from 4 to 5 pounds taken trolling tubes and umbrella rigs. Weakfish are hitting live snappers drifted at the bridges and also fished down deep.

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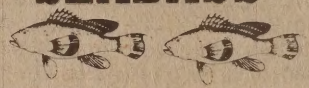
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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Aloma II reports that the fluking has been good from Saturday to Monday. Fish catches have been from 6 to 15 a man but no big fish. Most are 1½ to 3 pounds. Paul says the fish are starting to move out and is looking forward to better catches.

The **Aloma** reports very good catches of sea bass continuing. There have been catches of a few porgies but on Friday and Saturday a very nice catch of porgies was had. Sunday saw a lone 14 lb. cod fish taken along with the sea bass.

The **Capt. Hall** says the fluke fishing has gone from real good to slow and back up again these past weeks. From Thursday to Sunday it has been good. Weekdays have seen catches of 20 fluke per man while the boat traffic slowed the catches on the weekend to 6 to 8 per man. Catches have averaged 2 to 4 lbs. and the biggest has been a 7 lb. plus fluke.

Fluke fishing has been on and off from Thursday to Saturday aboard the **Miss Freeport**. Sunday was good and the fish are plentiful in the inlet. As yet there are just strays on the wrecks.

Charlie Adams, mate on the **Blue Fin II** recently saved the life of angler Joseph Hannon of Ridgewood Queens. On August 28th, 64 year old Joseph had a heart attack on the pier and fell into the water. As luck would have it, Charlie was there and helped pull Joe out, he came out of the water purple with no pulse or respiration. Cardiac arrest was evident. Charlie, who is a parametic at Nassau County Medical Center, and mates weekends on Sy Karlin's **Blue Fin II**, gave closed cardiac massage and mouth to mouth and within one minute

David Paprocky, Jay Langland, Jay Paprocky and Jimmy Paprocky with some of their catch of 73 fluke and seabass taken aboard the Lady Ann.

Charles Foreste caught this 13 lb. 12 oz. bluefish aboard the Helena out of Sheepshead Bay. Subscriber Club Photo.

Joseph came back. We take note of Charlie's quick and correct actions in saving the life of Joe Hannon. A foot note to this little story is that a telephone company charter on the **Blue Fin II** that afternoon left no tip for Charlie that day, regardless of the good service he provided. Funny? Ironical? You put a name on it.

Anthony's Fishing Station tells us that he weighed in a 16 lb. fluke for angler Phyllis Howard fishing on Joe Schuster's boat "Salty Dog." This was Phyllis's second time fishing and the catch was made off Short Beach Coast Guard Station on the bar with killies and squid. This was on Monday. Fluke and sea bass are being brought in on Anthony's skiffs,

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along with small porgies. Good mixed bags are being taken. Some stripers are hitting fluke rigs.

Dockmaster Bob Kay of the Freeport **Boatmen's Association** tells us that the Acme II on Saturday chummed up 21 blues at Cholera along with 1 bonita on Saturday, the blues running from 2 to 6 pounds. The Norseman II trolled some albacore and bonita this past week, but the big thing for all the boats in the association has been the fluke. The **Blue Fin II** and the empire amongst the others in the association have had a steady thing going on fluke, sending their charters home with big grins.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Angler II** reports that they have trolled a few albacore every day. Along with these catches some blues have been taken.

According to **Scottie's Marina** the bluefish showed up between Jones Beach Tower and Gilgo over the weekend. These 3 to 6 lb. blues are being trolled in 50 feet of water on wire line on the bottom. The Jones inlet and adjacent channels continue to have decent fluke fishing. The Tea and Rota wrecks along with the Meadowbrook bridge has blackfish. In the bays there is an abundance of porgies a little smaller than hand sized.

The Marie III trolled 25 blues on Saturday on wire, southeast of the inlet on white tubes and white-green mini umbrellas. Fluking was fair on Sunday, but on Monday they hit the wrecks and did a big job on blackfish up to 6 pounds. The seabass and porgies were so-so and some fluke were added to the catch in the afternoon.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Bill of the **Ginnie Mae** reports he is now fishing for fluke and sea bass. He has had consistent good catches of both of these fish.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook said fluke fishing was good during the week but on the weekend with the boat traffic the fishing dropped off. These fish are getting bigger and many boats got several 4 to 6 pound fluke. Over the weekend from Friday to Sunday bluefish were being trolled outside of Jones inlet in 30 to 35 feet of water. These fish ran from 3 to 6 lbs. Snappers are excellent and are getting bigger, some about a foot long. Crabbing is still very good.

LONG BEACH

There is a pretty good showing of weak fish in the 5 pound range in Debs Inlet according to **Long Beach Sports Marina**. These fish are being taken on the bottom using live snappers. About 9 miles south of the inlet Spencer Burnett took a load of bluefish on umbrella rigs. There is very good fluke fishing and the bigger fish of 4 to 5 lbs. are being caught toward the inlet. Smaller fish are throughout the channel. Snappers are good but still a little small.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Rod & Gun reports the bay is loaded with nice size porgies and lafayettes. These are being taken mostly on worm at the north or south channel bridges. Crabbing is still pretty good and are of nice size. Moderate catches are to be had but better ones with a little work.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Good fluke fishing over the weekend is reported by the **Dorothy B**. These fish are of nice size being 2 to 4 lbs. with some to 6 lbs. Starting this Saturday and Sunday, because of customer demand and reported good catches, the **Dorothy B** will be fishing for blackfish.

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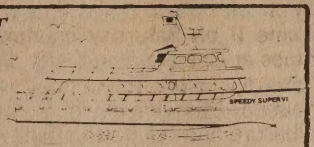

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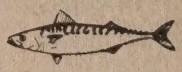

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Stella Maris reports the bluefishing over the weekend was not too good but a lot of bonita and albacore were trolled at the Klondike. The bonitas ran 4 to 5 lbs. and albacore were 8 to 10 lbs. Fluke fishing is also slowing but fish are bigger. Some striped bass have been taken at Staten Island using sand worms. In Sheepshead Bay there are loads of snappers, porgies and lafayettes on the wrecks and off shore rocky areas blacks are starting to show with increasing regularity.

From the Coney Island pier to the 69th St. pier according to **Salvo's Bait & Tackle** the kids are having a ball on porgies and snappers. Off shore of the piers the boats are having occasional catches of fluke. At Hoffman Island and Norton's Point weakfish to 14 pounds have been taken on worms, umbrella rigs and buck tails with pork rind. This pork rind is a must. Blues have also been taken in these same areas and on the same rigs. There are loads of striped bass in the Big Triangle but there are mostly shorts.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that the lafayettes are being caught by the bucket fulls and the porgies are slow. The porgies are slow because of so many lafayettes. Fluke fishing has been good at the rock jetty in Great Kills Park and at the storm sewers. Boats have been having heavy action at the Berger Ave. storm sewer. Best fishing is the last three hours of the outgoing. Fish are 3 to 6 pounds and many are 8 to 10. A 15 pounder was also taken. Because of the lafayettes that are on the bottom these fluke are being taken on a high hook using worm. Small blues of 2 to 4 lbs. are off shore of Great Kills Park while bigger fish of 8 to 10 have been down at New Dorp. These are being trolled or plugged. At Annadale there are 5 to 6 pound blues that are being taken mostly on drifted bait. The 3 and 4 pound weaks at Mt. Loretta were taken on drifted worm.

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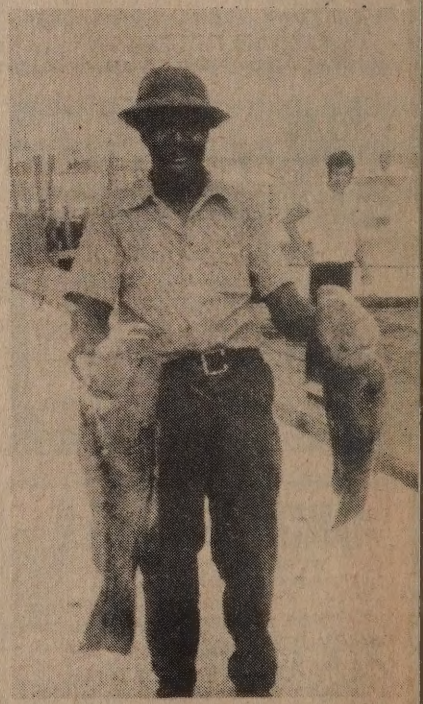

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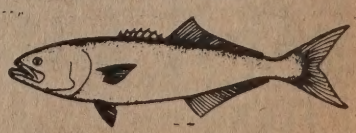

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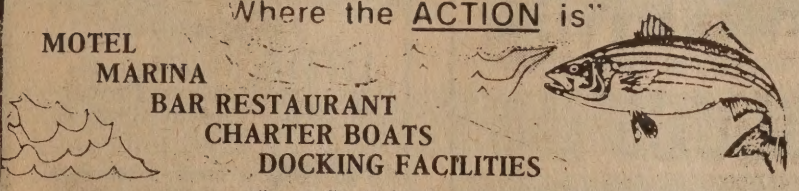

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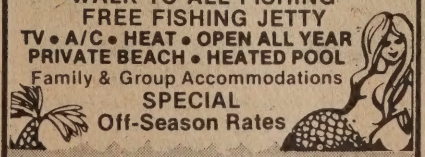

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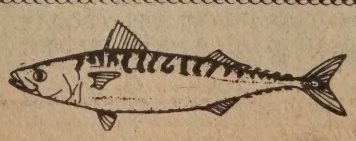

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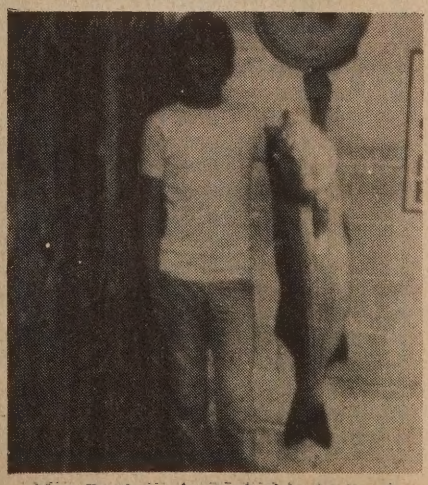

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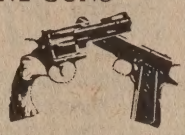

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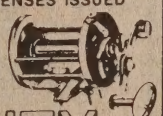
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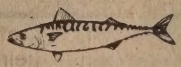

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

ORIENT POINT

Orient By The Sea Marina reports good striped bass fishing all weekend in Plum Gut. Live eels are your best bet. Blackfishing is good on the No. side of Plum Island using fiddler crabs.

GREENPORT

Dave Greene of the **Pooka V** reports good general fishing over the Labor Day weekend. Porgy fishing picked up quite well although Saturday it was somewhat slower than other days. The blues have started in the Race and night fishing for striped bass has taken an upswing in the Gut. The **Pooka V** will now go for striped bass at night.

Art White's Bait Shop reports darn good fishing for blues in the Race and at Pigeon Rip. Most of this fishing is done with diamond jigs although some have been taken on bait. Night fishing for striped bass has been pretty good in Plum Gut. Off the Greenport Jetty there are still taking weakfish. The surf along the Sound shore has yielded good quantities of blacks and porgies.

The **Wilhelric** has done very well on the porgy fishing. With the increasing catches of blacks the **Wilhelric** will now try for them at Gull Island or Greenhill.

Brand X is fishing the Race for bluefish and are having good catches.

Henry Henderson, Josh Haye and Chustna Henderson with their mixed catch of 21 blues, 42 weaks and 210 porgies taken off buoy 22 on sandworms. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

SOUTHOLD

Peter Liebliem of **Port of Egypt shing Station** reports their Orient ation sold out on Saturday and Sunday. here were big porgies or 1 to 2 pounds ut there as opposed to the ¾ to 1 lb. sh found in the bay. The bay does have ore fish. Adam Kinnley and his family shed Mulford Point on Saturday. He ok approximately 40 2 to 3 lb. blacks veral 4 to 6 pounds and a big nine under. It shows that the Sound is ady for blackfishing. In the bay Lino uirko fished for weakfish at Louie's each. He drifted worm in the deep ater on a falling tide and took 6. He had double header of a 9 and a 7 lb. weak at was taken on a hi-lo rig with squid both. These weaks are getting to ¶e od sized but the numbers are also tter than in the summer. Pete said that ere are all the porgies you want at oys 16 and 17. Snapper blues of 2 to 4 unds are in the bay on diamond jigs.

NEW SUFFOLK

Captain Marty's Fishing Station said e porgies and weaks have picked up. hn Woods of New Jersey took 70 rgies of about 1½ pounds and 6 weaks over 4 pounds at buoy 22. He used ndworms. Very good porgy fishing of to 1 pound along with bigger kingfish.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue ports that the weaks and porgies are ing caught at Robbins Island on squid d sandworms. At the Northville pipe- e in the Sound there are blackfish ing taken in good quantities. An casional blue of 8 to 13 pounds have ken bunker at the Mattituck Jetty.

ROCKY POINT

Nick's Bait and Tackle reports Bob Schwelnus and Nick Parrinello both of Pt. Jefferson took 35 blacks and 6 large porgies at Old Sow Rock. Blacks ran 1½ to 4 pounds and were taken on fiddlers and fresh skimmers. Some blacks have been taken from the beach on fiddler crabs. Bluefish from 10 to 13 pounds have been weighed in and these fish were taken from Stratford Shoals. They were trolled on Amber tubes. Porgy fishing is still good from the beach along with the snappers.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods in Miller Place reports porgy and snapper fishing is very good. At Middle Grounds in the very deep water using wire line and light colored surg tubes, some blues of 7 to 10 pounds have been caught. A few fluke along with some weaks have been taken on the high hook of a hi-lo rig.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports the porgy fishing is plentiful at Oldfield Point. The half pound class is closer in while the pound and a half fish are in 40 feet of water. Bunker chum improves the catch. At Stratford Shoals on the southwest side by the lighthouse rips, bluefishing has been pretty good. Umbrella rigs are best rigged with amber or white tubes. Blues have also been in the harbor but are only being taken in the very early morning before the first boat roars out. These fish have been taken on the top using bunker. At the Lilco Hot Water discharge there are big snappers of a pound and can be fished about 5 or 6 feet below the surface.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports there are no concentrations of blues along the shore. Offshore mostly south of 11B it is a hit or miss proposition. You must troll deep with surgical tubes. Lots of small fluke of 18 to 20 inches are being taken at the Huntington Crescent Club and at Duck Island. There are also weaks to be had in these same areas. On Monday the first fluke were taken off the town dock. In the harbor there are plenty of porgies and snappers. Striped bass clam chumming at Eaton's Neck has slowed.

HUNTINGTON

Captain Pete of the **Ever Ready** reported that the porgies are holding up very well. Snappers are getting bigger all the time. Fluke are mixed in with the catches. Blackfish are beginning to bite now. Pool winners for big fluke over the weekend were Tom Engles of Glen Cove and J. Guarino of Huntington.

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** reports the striped bass fishing with clam chum was good until the weekend. At that time the boats pushed them down but during the week the fishing should recover. Most of these fish are 4 to 8 pounds. Blues were on top in Cold Spring Harbor on Sunday and Labor Day until the traffic picked up. On Labor Day blues were taken at Middle Ground and 11B. In these areas the were trolled while at the obstruction buoy they were taken on bait. At Duck Island and the Sewahaka Yacht Club in Cold Spring Harbor, weaks were taken on snappers and worms. Good sized fluke were taken at Eaton's Neck by some clam chumming striped bass fishermen or while bluefishing with bunker chunks. These fluke went from 3½ to 8 pounds. At buoy 13 and the East Bar, some blackfish were taken. These are not too big but some went to 4 pounds. This action should build as the season progresses. Porgies of ½ to 1½ pounds were taken at buoy 13. On Sunday they were taken in the harbor at buoy 8 and the deep hole.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sport Shop reports bluefishing has slowed but trollers have tried and have come up with 3 and 4 lb. fish. Some weaks have been taken on bunker by schools which are here and there, mostly at Center Island Reef. Black fish

Alan Weiner of Huntington caught this 7 lb. fluke while drifting spearing and squid at buoy 13. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait & Tackle.

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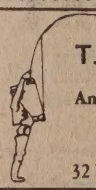
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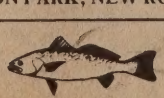

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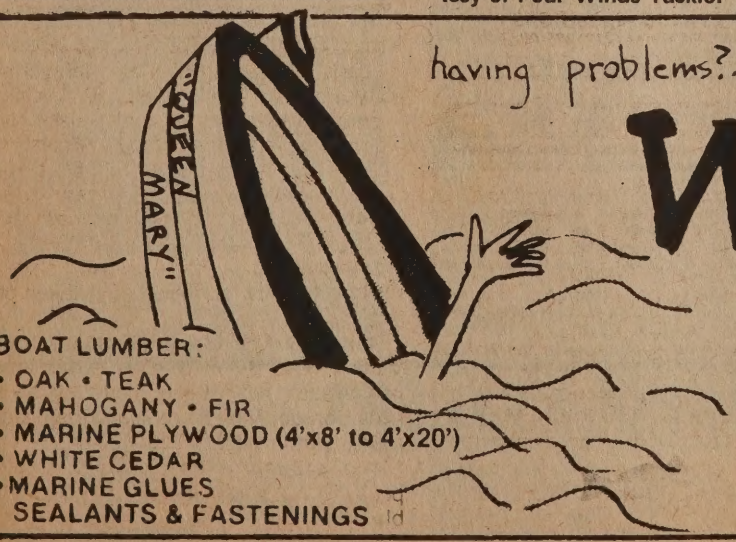

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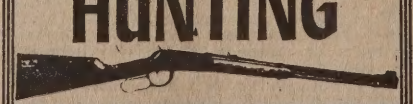

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	9:00	9:16	9:51	10:08	9:43	9:58	10:33	10:52	12:43	12:57	12:09	12:28	8:50	9:07	9/9
FRI.	9:35	9:51	10:27	10:44	10:21	10:35	11:11	11:30	1:11	1:15	12:47	1:05	9:30	9:47	9/10
SAT.	10:10	10:28	11:04	11:21	11:00	11:12	11:49	—	1:26	1:33	1:26	1:42	10:10	10:27	9/11
SUN.	10:47	11:08	11:41	11:57	11:39	11:51	12:09	12:28	1:49	2:02	2:05	2:22	10:51	11:06	9/12
MON.	11:24	11:45	—	12:20	—	12:17	12:51	1:10	2:21	2:39	2:45	3:04	11:33	11:51	9/13
TUE.	—	12:04	12:37	1:03	12:28	12:54	1:34	1:53	3:01	3:20	3:28	3:48	—	12:18	9/14
WED.	12:30	12:49	1:22	1:53	1:10	1:36	2:27	2:46	3:44	4:07	4:18	4:39	12:39	1:08	9/15
THUR.	1:21	1:40	2:15	2:47	1:55	2:19	3:23	3:42	4:36	4:58	5:14	5:35	1:35	2:04	9/16

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½ hours to this figure:

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

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CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9/7	6:31	7:24
9/12	6:37	7:15
9/17	6:42	7:06
9/22	6:47	6:57
9/27	6:52	6:49

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9/23	9/1	9/8	9/16

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	**Major**	Minor	**Major**
THURS.	5:30	—	5:55	**12:05**
FRI.	6:15	**12:30**	6:45	**12:50**
SAT.	7:00	**1:15**	7:25	**1:40**
SUN.	7:55	**2:05**	8:15	**2:30**
MON.	8:45	**2:55**	9:05	**3:15**
TUES.	9:30	**3:45**	9:55	**4:05**
WED.	10:20	**4:35**	10:45	**5:00**
THURS.	11:15	**5:25**	11:35	**5:50**

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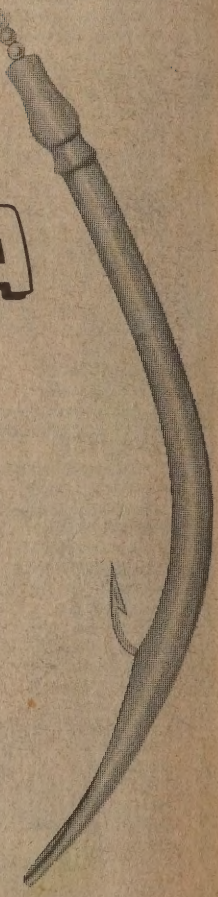

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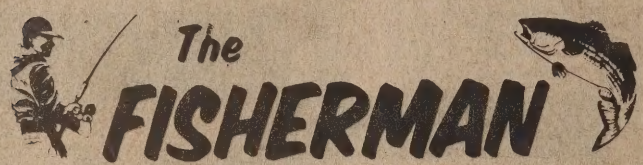

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